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IN BRIEF

China bridge alarm

■ **NEW DELHI:** Military veterans on Tuesday expressed apprehension over a new bridge operationalised by the Chinese army connecting the north and south banks of the Pangong Lake inside the India-claimed lines in eastern Ladakh. They said the move had confirmed their fears that the People's Liberation Army was forcing India to accept the new status quo in the region. **NATION**

Census pledge

■ **NEW DELHI:** Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday seized on a "personal insult" hurled at him in the Lok Sabha to turn the tables on the government and project himself as a fighter for the underprivileged, reiterating his commitment to a caste census. **NATION**

Biden judge plan

■ **AUSTIN:** US President Joe Biden, warning that the country's courts were being weaponised as part of an "extreme and unchecked" conservative agenda, said on Monday that he would push for legislation that would bring major changes to the Supreme Court, including term limits and an enforceable code of ethics on the justices. **FOREIGN**

Nuclear reactor

■ **NEW DELHI:** India's Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has given permission to the country's 500MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) near Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu to complete loading fuel and prepare to initiate a controlled nuclear chain reaction. The PFBR, first designed in the mid-1980s and approved in 2003, is India's most advanced and complex nuclear reactor and a key milestone towards the long-term goals of the country's nuclear power programme.

QUOTE

One part of the dream is in the bag, the other part is here

MANU BHAKER
on her two Olympic bronze medals

WAIL OF WAYANAD

At least 123 dead as downpour-triggered landslides wash away villages in Kerala's high-profile tourism hub

K.M. RAKESH

RAIN WRATH: Kerala woke up to face one of its worst natural calamities after the 2018 floods on Tuesday.

Multiple rain-triggered landslides that hit Mundakkai in the picturesque Wayanad district and their impact in Chooralmala village downhill left at least 123 dead and many missing on Tuesday.

The landslides that struck when the residents were fast asleep left a trail of death and destruction with Mundakkai and Chooralmala villages almost completely wiped out. The villages had received very heavy rain — 300mm — in the last 24 hours.

Mundakkai was cut off with the only bridge connecting it to Chooralmala washed away by gushing waters and tumbling boulders and uprooted trees. The landslides swept away even sturdy buildings, including a school, a number of houses and living quarters of plantation workers, roads and the electricity infrastructure.

(Top) The body of a victim being winched from a landslide site in Chooralmala, Wayanad district of Kerala, on Tuesday; (left) a rescue worker crosses a swollen stream. (Reuters and PTI pictures)

The first landslide that occurred around 2am swept away Mundakkai village, about 25km up the hills from Kalpetta, the district headquarters. That was followed by a second landslide around 4am and another one at 6am. The landslides that gathered momentum then wrecked havoc in Chooralmala village, about 3km downhill.

In one of the many gut-wrenching sights emerging from the affected zone, a man neck-deep in mud was seen crying out for help. He was rescued after about five hours by state fire services personnel who used a temporary ropeway to literally pluck him out to safety.

But not many were as lucky.

Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan had told a news conference on Tuesday evening that 93 bodies had been recovered and 34 of them had been identified, while 128 injured people were being provided medical care at various hospitals in Wayanad.

He said 18 of the identified bodies had been handed over to the next of kin. As on Tuesday, 3,069 people had been moved to 45 relief camps in Wayanad.

The power of the gushing waters that washed away everything in their way was such that at least 26 of the dead were found on the banks of the Chaliyar river in Pothukal in neighbouring Malappuram district, two hours downstream. Many of them were just body parts that would require DNA testing for identification.

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Cancer to train accident, a fighter's tale

SNEHAMOY CHAKRABORTY

Anjana and her husband Shyamaprasad Halder

Calcutta: Anjana Halder has been battling cancer for the past 13 years. On Tuesday, she came face to face with another calamity, and emerged unscathed.

Anjana and her husband Shyamaprasad Halder, a fish trader from Hooghly, were on the Howrah-Mumbai Mail that jumped tracks in Jharkhand and killed two passengers.

Shyamaprasad recounted the harrowing experience of getting out of the tilted three-tier air-conditioned coach that had crashed against a concrete guard wall near the tracks, leaving a sliver of space for passengers to crawl out.

"The coach tilted and wedged against the wall, making it nearly impossible to open the door fully. We struggled for about five minutes to find a way out. I finally discovered a narrow gap between the coach and the wall and managed to crawl out onto the tracks. It felt like an eternity. I was particularly anxious for my wife, given her condition," said Shyamaprasad, who has been making the trip to Mumbai for his wife's treatment for the past 13 years.

"I can't describe what I faced to get my wife out of the train in the dark. We were unharmed but anything could have happened. It was too risky to get off a coach that was leaning on a wall," he said.

At least two people were killed and 30 injured after 18 coaches of the Mumbai-bound train from Howrah derailed near Barabambo railway station in Jharkhand around 3.45am on Tuesday. Shyamaprasad and his wife were in the B2 coach.

The accident comes a little over a month after the June 17 accident involving the Kanchenjunga Express and a goods train. Ten people were killed when the goods train rammed into the rear of the stationary Agartala-Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express near Rangapani station on the outskirts of Siliguri.

The 12810 Howrah-Mumbai Mail is one of the key trains in which thousands of cancer patients from Bengal and Jharkhand travel to Mumbai's Tata Memorial Hospital.

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SECOND BRONZE WITH SARABJOT SCRIPTS AN INDIA OLYMPIC FIRST

Manu shoots down a century-old record

Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh with their shooting bronze medals in Chateauroux, France, on Tuesday. (PTI)

The Telegraph
AT THE OLYMPICS

ANGSHUMAN ROY

You spend a life chasing an Olympic medal. Manu Bhaker, at 22, already has two in her bag, within 48 hours. In the process, she became the first Indian athlete in post-Independence India to win two medals in the same Olympics.

On Tuesday, at the Chateauroux shooting centre, Manu teamed up with Sarabjot Singh, 23, to win bronze in the 10m air pistol category, beating the South Korean duo of Oh Yeh Jin and Lee Wonoho 16-10.

On Sunday, Manu had given India its first medal of the Paris Olympic Games with an individual bronze in the 10m category. A dream come true? "*Yeh usi sapne ka ek tukda hai* sir. *Ek tukda* bag *mein hai, dusra yeh hai* (One part of the dream is in the bag, the other part is here)," a smiling Manu said. "Any athlete who plays for India dreams of winning an Olympic medal. I also have this dream.... To win as many medals as possible."

Representing British India, Norman Pritchard had won two silver medals in sprint and hurdle in the same Olympics — in the same city 124 years ago. "I will repeat what I had said on Sunday. It's surreal," Manu said about that feat.

The mixed event, introduced in the Tokyo Olympic Games by the International Shooting Sport Federation, does not require a great level of understanding between the two members like in table tennis or tennis. Yes, it requires synergy. When one misfires, the partner has to score big.

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Third child dies and five more in critical condition in 'ferocious' UK knife attack

LYNSEY CHUTEL

London: A third child has died after a knife attack in Southport, England, and five children and two adults remain in a critical condition, the police said on Tuesday.

A 9-year-old girl died in the hospital in the early hours of Tuesday, the police said in a statement, while two other girls, age 6 and 7, died on Monday as a result of their injuries. The attack, which the local police chief, Serena Kennedy, described as "ferocious", took place at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class for children age 6 to 11. A 17-year-old boy was arrested and is being questioned.

Swift shocked

Swift said in a statement about the attack on Instagram that she was "completely in shock".

"The horror of yesterday's attack in Southport is washing over me continuously," she wrote, adding: "The loss of life and innocence, and the horrendous trauma inflicted on everyone who was there, the families, and first responders. These were just little kids at a dance class."

Prime Minister Keir Starmer is expected to visit the scene, Rachel Reeves, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told Sky News.

A group of children were attending a Taylor Swift-themed yoga and dance workshop at a studio in Southport on Monday when the attack took place.

New York Times News Service

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, लातेहार

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Israel strikes Beirut suburb

EUAN WARD AND ADAM RASGON

New York: Israel said it carried out a strike in Beirut on Tuesday night, saying that it had targeted a Hezbollah commander whom it blamed for a strike that killed 12 children and teenagers in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights this weekend.

The target of the strike was Fuad Shukr, a senior Hezbollah official, who served as a close adviser to Hassan Nasrallah, the secretary general of the powerful Lebanese Shia militant group, according to two Israeli security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive details of the operation.

There was no immediate comment from Hezbollah.

The Israeli military issued a statement about the strike not long after an explosion hit Beirut's southern suburbs. Tensions have soared between Israel and Hezbollah since a strike on Saturday in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, which killed the children and teenagers as they played soccer. Videos and photographs posted on social media on Tuesday showed smoke rising above buildings as darkness fell over Beirut.

A damaged building after the Israeli strike in Beirut's southern suburbs on Tuesday. (Reuters)

In a post on X, Yoav Gallant, Israel's defence minister, said Hezbollah had "crossed a red line".

Since the war in Gaza began, Israel and Hezbollah have traded fire across Israel's northern border, raising fears among many officials that the conflict could escalate into a wider war that would cause devastation to its cities and towns. Hezbollah has denied it was behind the assault that hit the Druse village of Majdal Shams, in the Golan Heights.

New York Times News Service

Bangla plans to ban Jamaat

Dhaka: The Bangladesh government on Tuesday decided to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami following the deadly nationwide students' protests over quotas in government jobs, accusing the fundamentalist party of exploiting the movement that left at least 150 people dead.

The development to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami from Wednesday comes a day after a meeting of the ruling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League-led 14-party alliance passed a resolution that Jamaat, an ally of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh National Party (BNP), must be banned from politics.

"God willing... the decision (of banning Jamaat) will be announced tomorrow," law minister Anisul Huq told newspersons at his office on Tuesday, adding it would be an "executive order" that will ban the Jamaat-e-Islami, a party founded in 1941 in undivided India under British rule.

The students, who waged protests during the anti-quota movement, said they had no link to the violence while evidence was there that Jamaat, its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir, the BNP, and militant party of its students front, Chhatra Dal, carried out the unrest, the minister claimed.

Soldiers on guard in front of a large cut-out of Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka on Tuesday. (AP/PTI)

The Awami League's general secretary Obaidul Quader, meanwhile, said the government would thoroughly examine legal aspects before banning Jamaat-Shibir to block any possible legal loophole which could be exploited by "this extremist group" to engage in politics in Bangladesh.

For the sake of the country, the 14-party alliance has decided to ban Jamaat-Shibir to eliminate anti-national evil forces, Quader said.

PTI

A man runs with a Molotov cocktail during election protests in Caracas on Monday. (Reuters)

11 killed in Venezuela election protests

FRANCES ROBLES

Caracas: At least 11 people — including one soldier — have died and about 750 more have been arrested as a result of protests in Venezuela, where both sides of the country's political divide called on followers to take to the streets again on Tuesday, in a sign that the crisis set off by this weekend's disputed presidential election is intensifying.

Thousands of people massed on Monday in the capital, Caracas, to protest preliminary official election results that they denounced as fraudulent — results showing President Nicolás Maduro winning re-election for another six-year term, handily beating a former diplomat, Edmundo González.

In a preliminary count, Foro Penal, a human rights organisation, said at least six people died amid the protests throughout the country. Families who were gathered at the medical examiner's office in Caracas reported at least four more people who were shot at protests, who were not in the human rights group's count.

One soldier died after being shot in the neck, and 48 police officers and soldiers were injured, the ministry of defence said. The ministry said hundreds of electoral centres, elections council offices and machines were vandalised in acts of sabotage by the "extreme Right".

González called for the police and armed forces to respect the Constitution.

"Unfortunately, in the past hours, we've received reports of people killed, dozens of injured and detained," González said in a video posted on Instagram. "To the security forces and armed forces, we insist that you respect the will Venezuelans expressed on the 28 of July and stop the repression of peaceful protests."

On Tuesday, an Opposition politician was arrested in Sebucán, east of Caracas, his supporters announced.

New York Times News Service

President to push for code of ethics for justices

Biden for apex court overhaul

KATIE ROGERS

Austin, Texas: President Joe Biden, warning that the country's courts were being weaponised as part of an "extreme and unchecked" conservative agenda, said on Monday that he would push for legislation that would bring major changes to the Supreme Court, including term limits and an enforceable code of ethics on the justices.

Biden detailed his plans in a speech at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum in Austin, Texas, his first public engagement since announcing his decision to end his presidential campaign last week.

His visit was initially scheduled to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. But it quickly became a venue for Biden to begin buttoning up a 51-year legislative legacy while outlining an election-year intention to try to stop what many in his party feel is the Supreme Court's ideological drift into conservatism.

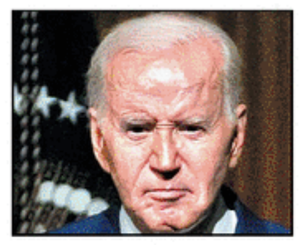
The proposal would require congressional approval and has little hope of gaining traction in a Republican-controlled House and a divided Senate. Speaker Mike Johnson called the plan "dead on arrival" in the House. (Biden later said Johnson's "thinking is dead on arrival".)

This month, the court issued a 6-3 ruling that grants immunity to Presidents from prosecution for actions they take while in office. Biden called for a constitutional amendment that would limit such immunity. "For all practical purposes, the court's decision almost certainly means that the President can violate the oath, flout our laws and face no consequences," Biden said. "Folks, just imagine what a President could do trampling civil rights and liberties, given such immunity."

Biden, warning that "extremism is undermining the public confidence in the court's decisions", said conservative plans for sweeping policy changes if former President Donald Trump wins a second term, known as Project 2025, would continue to push the courts to the Right.

"They're serious, man," Biden said. "They're planning another onslaught attacking civil rights in America."

His remarks were met with support from others in his party, including Vice-President Kamala Harris, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, who said she was a partner in the effort and would take up Biden's proposal in her campaign.



Joe Biden in Austin, Texas, on Monday. (Reuters)

"These popular reforms will help to restore confidence in the court, strengthen our democracy and ensure no one is above the law," she said in a statement sent by her campaign.

Conservative activist Leonard A. Leo, known for making the appointments of conservative judges a core of the Republican Party's agenda, assailed Biden's efforts as partisan: "It's about Democrats destroying a court they don't agree with," he said in a statement.

Biden and his advisers argue that Americans are broadly concerned about the inner workings of a court that has swung to the Right in the years since Biden took office. Recent polls show that the Supreme Court's approval rating is at a historic low and that a majority of Americans believe that the court's decisions are driven by ideology.

In his remarks on Monday, Biden said a system of lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court gave a President undue influence for decades, and he endorsed 18-year term limits for the justices. He said he supported a code of conduct that would require justices to disclose gifts, refrain from public political activity and recuse themselves from cases in which they or their spouses have financial or other conflicts of interest, calling them "common-sense reforms that a vast majority of Americans support."

The amendment he proposed curbing the court's immunity ruling would state that the Constitution does not confer to former Presidents any immunity from criminal indictment, trial, conviction or sentencing, a fact sheet released by the White House said. But a constitutional amendment limiting that decision would be difficult to enact, requiring two-thirds votes in Congress or at a convention called for by two-thirds of the states, followed by ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

New York Times News Service

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, देवघर

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई0–निविदा संख्या :– **07/2024-25/RWD/EE/DEOGHAR** दिनांक–29.07.2024

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RWD/EE/DEOGHAR/ST PKG/03/2024-25	1	बरवा से बेलबरना तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.740 कि.मी.)	10,65,87,600.00	दस करोड़ पैसठ लाख सतासी हजार छः सौ रुपये मात्र।	15 महीना	प्रथम
	2	रजबारडीह सें. अमजोरा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–3.300 कि.मी.)				
	3	करमाटोंड़ पथ से छातापुरूल तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.00 कि.मी.)				
	4	दलदली से हरपा होते हुए मथरीया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.200 कि.मी.)				
	5	आसनबनी से मोढ़ाबारी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.750 कि.मी.)				
	6	गोपीबेंध से बरमसीया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.800 कि.मी.)				
	7	करहीया से ददपोखर होते हुए बीरजामुन तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.400 कि.मी.)				
RWD/EE/DEOGHAR/ST PKG/04/2024-25	8	पी0डब्लु0डी0 पथ से असना तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–3.400 कि.मी.)	14,12,58,500.00	चौदह करोड़ बारह लाख उनठाउन हजार पाँच सौ रूपये मात्र।	15 महीना	प्रथम
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	2	पी0डब्लु0डी0 मुख्य पथ से बदिया होते हुए कल्याणपुर दुड़ीबगीचा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–4.100 कि.मी.)				
	3	पी0डब्लु0डी0 पथ पिपरा से जयंती नदी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–4.350 कि.मी.)				
	4	मधुपुर लहरटोरी मुख्य पथ से बोर्गया होते हुए चेतनारी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–4.920 कि.मी.)				
	5	पी0डब्लु0डी0 पथ उधोडीह से टटकजोरी भाया बेहरापहाड़ी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं0–3.490 कि.मी.)				
	6	घरघरा से घसको तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–1.200 कि.मी.)				
	7	जमा से जोगीडीह चरमा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–3.320 कि.मी.)				
	8	नवाडीह पी0डब्लु0डी0 पथ से साहु टोला चेतनारी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–4.256 कि.मी.)				
	9	बनसौमी चौक से कासीटांड़ तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं0–2.00 कि.मी.)				

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Howrah-Mumbai Mail jumps tracks after hitting goods train

2 killed in third railway mishap in Jharkhand in seven months

ANIMESH BISOEE

Jamshedpur: Two persons were killed and nearly 20 hospitalised after 18 coaches of the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed when its engine brushed against a portion of a goods train which too had jumped tracks a few minutes ago near Barabambo railway station in Jharkhand around 3.45am on Tuesday.

This was the third railway mishap in Jharkhand this year. Eleven passenger trains were cancelled and several others had to be short-terminated and diverted as traffic on the Howrah-Mumbai route was thrown into disarray.

According to the local Seraikela-Kharsawan police, the Tatanagar-bound goods train carrying clinkers had derailed on the down line (towards Howrah) a few minutes before the Howrah-Mumbai Mail came on the up line (towards Mumbai). The mail's engine grazed the goods train.

"Nearly 18 coaches of the Howrah-Mumbai Mail jumped tracks because of the impact near Potobera village between Rajkharsawan and Barabambo railway stations (both in the Seraikela-Kharsawan district of Jharkhand). The area falls under the Chakradharpur railway division of South Eastern Railway, about 80km from Jamshedpur," said a senior police officer at Seraikela-Kharsawan involved in the rescue operation.

Seraikela-Kharsawan superintendent of police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat said two bodies were extricated from the train during the rescue operation, which is being jointly carried out by the police from multiple districts, a team from the National Disaster Relief Force from Ranchi and the Jharkhand Armed Police.

"Nearly 30 people who had suffered minor bruises were given medical assistance at the makeshift camp at the mishap site while 18 people were shifted to the Chakradharpur Railway Hospital," said Lunayat.

Om Prakash Charan, the chief public relations officer (CPRO) of South Eastern Railway, confirmed the two casualties.

"The deceased were residents of Rourkela (P. Vikash Rao, 28, and Ajit Kumar Samal, 34). They were travelling in B4 (three-tier AC). The railways has paid the kin of each deceased an ex gratia of ₹10 lakh. We have also paid an ex gratia of ₹1 lakh to the injured. The remaining passengers were sent in buses and a special train to their destinations from Chakradharpur railway station," said Charan.

He, however, said that the reason behind the mishap would be known after a thorough probe. "The chief commissioner of railway safety will be probing the incident and the exact reason can only be known after the investigation. As of now, the goods train and the Howrah-Mumbai Mail had derailed at the same site near Barabambo station. Work is being carried out in full swing to restore railway traffic on the route at the earliest," said Charan.

The local police at the spot said that the collision between the two trains was so strong that even the tracks were uprooted and the overhead wires were damaged. Several passengers had to be taken out by breaking the windows of the AC coaches.

On January 18, four people were killed after being hit by the Utkal Express at Gamharia railway station. On February 28, two people died in a train mishap between Jamtara and Vidyasagar stations.

The JMM, which is heading a coalition government in Jharkhand with the Congress and the RJD, slammed the Centre over the latest mishap.

Through a social media post, the JMM urged the Centre to ask the railways minister to stop making reels and pay attention to the railways.

JMM legislator and chief minister Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana urged the JMM and INDIA bloc workers to extend help to the district administration in carrying out relief and rescue operations besides providing water and food to the victims.

Additional reporting by PTI

GONE ALARMINGLY OFF THE RAILS

The derailed coaches of the Mumbai-Howrah Mail near Barabambo in Seraikela-Kharsawan district of Jharkhand on Tuesday. (PTI)

Railway accidents that have claimed lives since June 2023. There have been many more accidents that have not caused deaths:

June 2, 2023: Collision involving three trains — the Coromandel Express, the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a stationary goods train — in Odisha's Balasore claimed close to 300 lives and injured over 1,200

August 23: At least 23 people, all from Malda in Bengal, died after an under-construction railway bridge collapsed in Mizoram

August 26: At least 10 people were killed in a fire that broke out inside the Lucknow-Rameshwaram Bharat Gaurav train standing at Madurai station

October 11: At least 4 people died when the Delhi-Kamakhya Northeast Express derailed in Bihar's Buxar

October 29: At least 11 killed after two trains collided in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh

December 13: An overhead water tank that partially collapsed at Burdwan railway station killed 3 people

February 28, 2024: At least 2 persons died after being hit by a train in Jamtara, Jharkhand

June 17: At least 10 people were killed when a goods train rammed into the rear of the stationary Agartala-Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express near Rangapani station on the outskirts of Siliguri

July 18: Eight coaches of a train derailed near Gonda station in Uttar Pradesh, claiming 4 lives

July 30: At least 2 dead after several coaches of the Mumbai Mail jumped tracks at Barabamboo in Jharkhand

Compiled by Debraj Mitra

Centre ducks query on decentralised NEET

BASANT KUMAR MOHANTY

New Delhi: The central government is unlikely to accept the demand by the Opposition parties and some state governments for decentralising the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) by giving back the powers to the states to decide their admission procedure to medical courses.

Minister of state for health, Anupriya Patel, on Tuesday evaded a question by Trinamool Congress member Sagarika Ghosh in the Rajya Sabha on the government's stand on discontinuing the centralised test, which was vitiated by paper leaks and irregularities this year.

During Question Hour, Ghosh wanted to know if the government was considering any proposal to decentralise the NEET. The state authorities will be able to handle the entrance exam better than the National Testing Agency (NTA), she said.

"Prior to the common (medical entrance) exam, students had to appear for multiple exams which had different syllabuses and different paper formats. To overcome the hardship of the students, the uniform entrance exam was introduced. In so far as decentralisation of exams is concerned, I will pass on the suggestion of the member to the education minister," Patel said.

A government official said that the health ministry was the administrative agency to make policy decisions on the NEET and the NTA is part of the ministry of education (MoE). Neither the MoE nor the NTA takes decisions on the pattern, syllabus or mode of the NEET.

NTA silence

Amid the delay in the declaration of results of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), the government on Tuesday refused to disclose if the NTA had signed any agreement with the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the conduct of the test.

The NTA has been conducting the CUET-UG and the CUET-PG since 2022.

CPI(ML) member in the Lok Sabha, Sudama Prasad, on Monday wanted to know whether the NTA had signed an MoU with the UGC for the conduct of the CUET-UG and the CUET-PG for the period 2017-2024 and if the NTA had rules on the appointment of paper setters.

In a written reply, minister of state for education, Sukanta Majumdar, said the CUET was conducted in 2022-23 to reduce the burden on students, universities and the entire education system in pursuance of the National Education Policy. The NTA engages paper setters, moderators and secrecy officers as per established guidelines, he said.

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Editors' grouse to Shah on 'tools of harassment'

IMRAN AHMED SIDDIQUI

New Delhi: The Editors Guild of India (EGI) has written a letter to Union home minister Amit Shah expressing concerns over the new criminal laws.

The Guild highlighted the misuse of the criminal laws against journalists as a tool for harassment and intimidation.

In its letter, the apex body representing senior editors in the country also expressed apprehension that the new laws would further expand the powers of law enforcement agencies and "emphasised the need for an additional layer of safeguard for journalists when criminal complaints are filed against them with reference to their journalistic work".

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) have replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

"The reason we are specifically raising these is because we fear all these provisions can be potentially used against journalists, as has been the case in the past under the IPC as well as the CrPC. The guild urges a thorough review of the criminal laws from this perspective. We suggest substantive consultation with organisations like ours in this regard," the letter said.

"We also are of the opinion that given the precedent in the manner in which criminal laws have been used as tools of harassment and intimidation against journalists, with a potential of setting a chilling effect, there is a legitimate case for a journalistic exception in the registration of FIRs," the letter added.

Shield sought

Pointing out that the process is the punishment, the Guild said there was a need for protecting members of the media from frivolous criminal complaints and indiscriminate state or police action in relation to acts done in the course of their duty.

"And we reiterate, this has been the case under governments across party lines. Therefore we strongly feel that before a criminal complaint is registered as an FIR against a journalist, with a reference to a journalistic work done by them, there be an additional and thorough layer of review. It is our strong belief that there is a need for a deep consultation and formulation of some set of guidelines for regulating prosecutions against members of the press/media for actions in the course of their duty," the letter said.

The guild also suggested a mechanism whereby any such complaint against a member of the media is reviewed by a high-ranking police officer and is brought to the knowledge of the Press Council of India for an opinion on whether further investigation of the complaint/ information would be an unreasonable burden on the freedom of profession and freedom of expression of the alleged offender as a member of the media.

"We feel some such set of guidelines can go a long way in preventing the misuse of these laws against journalistic activities," the letter said, adding freedom of the media is a facet of the fundamental right of free speech and expression which is protected under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India and that the members of the media are the "eyes and ears of the citizenry".

"A free press is the hallmark of a democracy and deserves to be shielded from frivolous prosecution for acts done in the course of their duty," the letter said.

Guild president Anant Nath, general secretary Ruben Banerjee and treasurer K. Ve Prasad also sought an audience with Shah on the issue, saying "the provisions of the new criminal laws can pose a grave danger to freedom of press".

'Cage' condemned

The Guild condemned the new restrictions on journalists' access within Parliament. "We reiterate our earlier demand to the Speaker, Lok Sabha, and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, urging removal of access restrictions on journalists from reporting on House proceedings," the Guild said in a post on X on Tuesday.

Reporters, news photographers and TV camera crew on Monday protested inside Parliament premises against the increased restrictions on the media. Rahul Gandhi, leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, had raised the issue in the House during the budget discussion, urging Speaker Om Birla to "free" the journalists from their "*pinjra*" (cage).

Amit Shah in Pune on July 21. (PTI picture)

Journalists inside the enclosure on the premises of Parliament on Monday

Manu's double

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The Indians started on the wrong foot with Sarabjot's opening shot fetching a poor 8.6, while Manu shot 10.2 for an aggregate of 18.8. The Koreans aggregated 20.5 to take the opening round and open a 2-0 lead.

In mixed team events, the pair that reaches 16 points first wins the medal.

Down 0-2, Manu's consistency came to the fore and it rubbed off on Sarabjot as the pair took the next four rounds to take their tally to 8-2.

Such was her level of confidence that Manu had just three shots below 10 in the entire contest which lasted 13 rounds.

It was an uphill task for the Koreans who succumbed to pressure and could not match their rivals, losing 16-10.

"Yes, *dono ka* contribution *zaroori hai* (both needed to contribute)," the two shooters said in unison.

In the individual event, Sarabjot endured the disappointment of missing the final last Saturday. "I was under no pressure today (Tuesday). Woke up at 5.30am, did my regular things and came to the range. No point taking pressure. But yes, once we came to the lane, you feel the excitement."

And Manu? Was she nervous? "Not really. I am also an early riser. (Jaspal) Rana sir (her personal coach) always tells me to wake up early. So like always I was up by 5.30am. A yoga session, workout at the gym, discussing finer details with Rana sir and straight to the range."

The two medals so far — with a little bit of luck India could have had another bronze winner in Arjun Babuta in the 10m category — shooting has shed the disappointments of the Rio and Tokyo Games.

Quite a bit of the credit goes to the National Rifle Association of India, which introduced a policy change vis-a-vis Olympic qualification. The NRAI did away with bonus points for shooters who won the Olympic quota through performance in international events and introduced trials. So the shooters had to score well in the Olympic trials held in New Delhi in March and Bhopal in May.

"That was the game-changer. In the past, an Olympic quota winner, riding the bonus point system, used to be in the Olympics squad even if their form had dipped. It's no longer the same," Olympian and now shooting coach Joydeep Karmakar told **The Telegraph** on Tuesday.

Take Ramita Jindal's case. The Hangzhou Asian Games bronze medallist in the 10m air rifle event beat World Championship medallist Mehuli Ghosh and Tilottama Sen at the domestic trials to make it to Paris.

"When the time comes, you have to give the devil its due. The NRAI has its shortcomings but showed rare pragmatism and discussed with all the stakeholders before making the policy changes," Karmakar, who had floated the idea of trials before the Games for the first time in May 2022, said.

The government's faith in the game despite the consistent failure of shooters was also appreciated. "The support from the Sports Authority of India, the NRAI and the sponsors was helpful," Manu said.

In this Olympic Games cycle from Tokyo to Paris, the sports ministry cleared ₹28,78,634 for Manu under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme and ₹1,35,36,155 under the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition. For Sarabjot, the amounts were ₹20,24,928 (TOPS) and ₹1,26,20,970 (ACTC).

"Without this backing, it would not have been possible to stand on the podium," Sarabjot said. Manu now has the 25m pistol event qualification round on Friday. The final is slated for Saturday.

"I will try to give my best. But even if I fail, I hope people will show the same love they have been over the last three days," she said.

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NOTICE OF 101ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING AND DIVIDEND RELATED MATTERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the One Hundred and First Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Company will be held on Friday, 23rd August, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in conformity with the regulatory provisions and various Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Securities and Exchange Board of India, from time to time in this regard, to transact the business specified in the Notice convening the meeting. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company i.e. 'Yule House', 8, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Sarani, Kolkata - 700001. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Register/Book(s) of the Company were kept closed from Friday, 5th July, 2024 to Thursday, 11th July, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the said AGM of the Company and to determine the names of the Members who will be entitled to receive final dividend, if approved at the AGM.

Pursuant to the circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) the Annual Report and the Notice have been sent through electronic mode only to the e-mail ids of the Members that were available with the depositories on Friday, 26th July, 2024. These documents are also available on the Company's website www.veedolindia.com, at the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com, BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and the notice is additionally available at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

The Company is providing its shareholders remote e-voting facility (i.e. facility to cast vote prior to AGM) and also e-voting facility during the AGM, for the business stated in the Notice. The Company has engaged National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) as authorized agency to provide remote e-voting facility and e-voting facility at AGM. The required details are as under:

1. The cut-off date to determine eligibility to cast votes by remote electronic voting is Friday, 16th August, 2024. The remote e-voting shall be open for 3 (three) days commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd August, 2024 for all the shareholders, whether holding shares in physical form or in dematerialized form. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.
2. Members who have not cast their votes by remote e-voting can exercise their voting rights at the AGM only if they attend the AGM through VC/OAVM. Detailed instructions with regard to voting at the AGM through VC/OAVM are stated in the Notice convening the AGM.
3. A Member may participate in the meeting even after exercising his/her right to vote through remote e-voting, but shall not be allowed to vote again at the meeting. Detailed instructions with regard to joining the AGM through VC/OAVM are stated in the Notice convening the AGM.
4. A person, whose name is recorded in the register of Members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of either remote e-voting or voting at the AGM. A person, who acquires shares and becomes shareholder of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date, can do remote e-voting by obtaining the login id and password by sending an e-mail to mdpldc@yahoo.com or evoting@nsdl.com by mentioning their Folio No. / DP. ID. and Client ID. However, if such shareholder is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then existing user-id and password can be used for casting his/her vote.
5. The Company has appointed Shri Manoj Prasad Shaw, Practicing Company Secretary of M/s. Manoj Shaw & Co., Company Secretaries as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting at AGM and remote e-voting in a fair and transparent manner.

For detailed instructions pertaining to remote e-voting, Members may please refer to the section 'Notes' in Notice of the 101st Annual General Meeting. In case of queries or grievances pertaining to e-voting procedure, shareholders may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the 'Download' section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or may contact:

Particulars	National Securities Depository Limited	Maheshwari Datamatics Private Limited
Address	Trade World – A Wing, Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013	23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor, Kolkata – 700 001
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A final dividend of Rs. 20 per ordinary share of Rs. 2 each, recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2024, if declared at the 101st AGM, will be remitted, after deduction of tax at source through electronic mode to those Members who have furnished their required bank details to the respective Depository Participants. In respect of Members who have not furnished such details, dividend warrants / demand drafts will be sent by post to their registered address. Dividend with respect to folios for which PAN, Nomination, Bank details, Contact details, Signature and other prescribed details are not available will be dealt with in the manner specified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India in this regard. With regard to applicability of appropriate TDS rates the Members are requested to refer to the communication made by the Company in this regard on 14th June, 2024. A copy of the said communication is available at the website of the Company at www.veedolindia.com under 'Disclosure under Regulation 46 of the LODR'.

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Company Secretary
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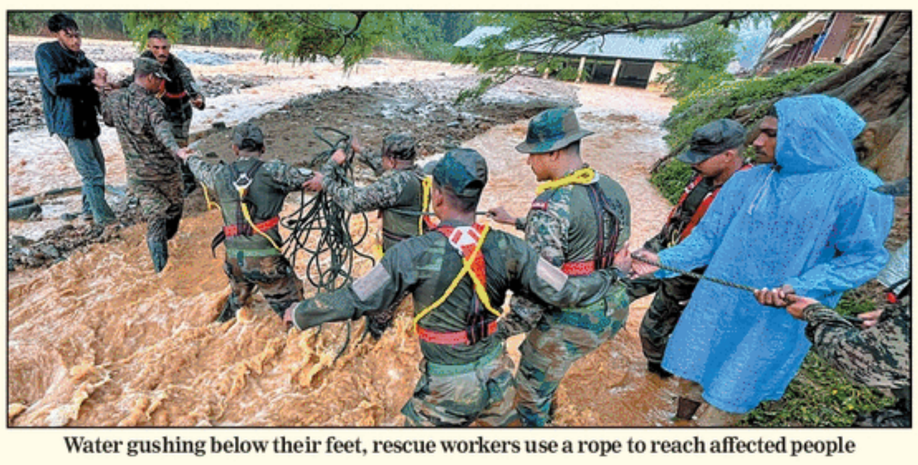
Place: Kolkata
Date: 30th July, 2024

A rescue worker glides over a stream in spate with the help of a cable in landslide-hit Wayanad on Tuesday

A woman and a child being rescued in Wayanad



Water gushing below their feet, rescue workers use a rope to reach affected people

A damaged jeep half-buried in slush at Chooralmala

Debris along a road bears testimony to the ferocity of the disaster. Pictures by PTI and Reuters

Destabilisation of hill slopes another culprit

Lack: Early warning system

G.S. MUDUR

New Delhi: Rain forecasts, dozens of automated weather stations and a statewide landslide and flood vulnerability map couldn't avert the human toll from rain-triggered landslides in Wayanad on Tuesday because of critical gaps in information required to protect populations, experts have said.

Geologists studying Kerala's vulnerability to landslides have said localised early warning systems and maps showing the most likely routes for the flow of landslide debris could have helped lower the human toll had the facilities for such critical inputs been in place.

Scientists have known for over two decades that landslides are a major hazard along segments of the Western Ghats mountain chain that run through nearly 47 per cent of the state. A scientific review in 2009 had determined that nearly all of Kerala's 14 districts are prone to landslides, with Wayanad and Kozhikode susceptible to what geologists call "deep landslides" in which the sliding surface is typically well below the depth of tree roots.

Destabilisation of hill slopes from deforestation, terracing, and cultivation of crops incapable of root cohesion — a process that mechanically stabilises a slope and lowers the risk of a landslide — have accelerated the processes leading to landslides, the review had said.

Under these circumstances, landslides have "become more destructive given the increasing vulnerability of population and property", the review, co-authored by Sekhar L. Kuriakose, currently member-secretary of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, and others had said.

The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority was the first in the country to release a landslide and flood susceptibility map of Kerala in geoinformation file formats for the public.

But geologists say such a map alone isn't sufficient to protect people which requires localised early warning systems. "What we require is real-time analysis of how much rain has fallen or is about to fall over specific landslide-susceptible soil zones," said K.S. Sajin Kumar, assistant professor of geology at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. "If such information is available to authorities in real-time, they could identify areas at high risk of imminent landslides."

Alongside such early warning systems, Sajin Kumar said moving people out of harm's way would require advance knowledge of both where a landslide is imminent and what specific routes mud, rocks, and other debris from the landslide will take as they roll downhill.

"This can be determined through modelling local terrain and geological information to generate landslide route maps," Sajin Kumar said. Both, early warning systems and the land route maps, will require enhanced investments in disaster preparedness, he added.

Kuriakose, in a February 2019 paper presented at a symposium on landslides in Kerala, had also flagged another issue — the collection and access to disaster risk information, including hydro-meteorological data, is limited and scattered across multiple agencies.

Wayanad landslides kill at least 123, many missing

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An yet-to-be ascertained number of livestock and pet animals also perished in the nature's fury with carcasses found strewn all along the disaster zone.

Residents along the Chaliyar first noticed larger than usual quantities of drift wood, and even LPG cylinders, being carried by the waters that began to breach the banks. It was then they noticed bodies of men, women and children.

Personnel from the local fire and emergency services and the State Disaster Relief Force were rushed to Chooralmala where hundreds of civilians were already engaged in relief and rescue operations.

About 200 armymen drawn from bases in neighbouring Kannur and Kozhikode and a medical team from the Indian Naval Academy in Kannur joined them in the afternoon.

One of the biggest tourist hubs of Kerala, many holiday resorts in Wayanad had evacuated guests and employees on Monday itself following an alert by the district authorities.

The owner of a holiday resort in Meppadi, about 15km downhill of Mundakkai, told **The Telegraph** that he had ensured every single person was evacuated. He said he had no idea if the landslides had affected the resort.

"We had evacuated everyone yesterday itself soon after we got an alert from the district authorities. But I have no idea if the landslide has damaged our property," said the proprietor, who declined to be named.

Plantation workers were among the dead or missing in Mundakkai.

Binil John, who works for the Harrisons Malayalam tea plantation, told a TV channel that 35, including workers and their family members, are yet to be accounted for.

"Our workers and their family members totalling 65 — all of them locals — were living in nine line houses (near the plantation). In two of the four staff quarters nearby (two others are vacant), there was a family in one and four migrant workers in the other. The bodies of two migrant workers have been recovered," said John.

He said state emergency services and the NDRF used ropes to reach Mundakkai where a large number of local people are missing.

The majority of the injured in Chooralmala were shifted to the Wayanad Institute of Medical Sciences and nearby government hospitals. Health minister Veena George said temporary emergency medical care facilities had been set up at a local mosque and madrasa in Chooralmala.

The state government rushed five ministers to oversee rescue and relief operations and appointed a senior civil servant to coordinate the operations. The government declared two days of mourning when the national flag will fly at half mast.

It also cancelled all government events scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday to focus on the rescue and relief mission.

The leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and his sister Priyanka Gandhi had planned to visit the affected areas on Wednesday, but have been dissuaded by the authorities. Rahul, who retained Wayanad and won Rae Bareli in the Lok Sabha elections, has given up the Kerala constituency. Priyanka is to contest from Wayanad in the bypoll.

Rahul had earlier spoken to chief minister Vijayan and taken up the matter in the Lok Sabha, seeking maximum central assistance in relief efforts.

Survivors who lived to tell their tales recalled the horror of waking up to the thundering rumble and gushing flood waters that decimated their homes and swept away their dear ones.

"Before I realised what was happening, I heard loud thuds of water and rocks banging on my house. I couldn't spot my wife for a while, but managed to get hold of her and escape the fury of the landslide," a septuagenarian told reporters from his hospital bed.

His son and family who lived in a nearby house too escaped to safety.

But another aged man who wept continuously wasn't that lucky. "I lost everyone. I couldn't rescue my wife who got stuck in the slush. I don't know what really happened and how I escaped. Now I don't even have documents to prove my identity," he said.

Typical of Malayalis when faced with disasters, blood banks in Wayanad witnessed long queues with many more potential donors coming forward to do their bit.

In its worst ever natural calamity in about a hundred years, Kerala had endured extensive floods in 2018 when more than 480 lives were lost.

Coaching king puts onus on govt

PHEROZE L. VINCENT

New Delhi: The oracle has finally spoken, only after his premises were sealed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

On Tuesday, Drishti IAS — one of the market leaders in civil services coaching — issued a press release about the drowning of three students in a rainwater-triggered flashflood at an unauthorised basement library of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Central Delhi.

The statement by Drishti IAS owner Vikas Divyakriti, a former bureaucrat and popular Youtuber, came after a part of his own premises was sealed by civic officials jolted out of their slumber on building violations and drainage after the tragedy.

He said: "We regret that we are late in presenting our view. We did not want to say anything based on incomplete information.... The anger seen among the students regarding this accident is completely justified. It would be appropriate if this anger gets correctly channelised and the government issues certain guidelines for coaching institutes."

Divyakriti added: "There is inconsistency in the rules of DDA, MCD and the Delhi Fire Department. Similarly, there is a lot of contradiction in the provisions of the 'Master Plan of Delhi 2021', 'National Building Code', 'Delhi Fire Service Rules' and 'Unified Building Bye Laws'. Except the 'Master Plan of Delhi 2021', no document has clear provisions for coaching institutes. We are hopeful that when the committee appointed by the Union Home Ministry submits its report in a month, most of the above-mentioned points will be resolved."

He suggested: "A permanent solution to this problem is that the government should select three-four areas in Delhi and designate them for coaching institutes. If the government itself sets up the classrooms, libraries, hostels, then there will be no problem of high rent or of safety provisions."

The basement of Drishti IAS's centre in North Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar was sealed on Monday night. There have been several demands from Divyakriti's followers on social media that he and other stakeholders of the coaching world speak up about the tragedy. Several students raised slogans of "We want Justice!" when the sealing took place.

So far 19 institutes, including Rau's and Drishti, have been sealed since Sunday. A small group of students

Kishor Singh Kushwah

began a "hunger strike" near Rau's on Tuesday demanding that all top officials responsible for civic works come and speak to them.

Civil services aspirant Kishor Singh Kushwah had complained to the Delhi government a month ago about Rau's and filed two reminders as well. He has lived in the area for almost three years now and is currently preparing for the civil services examination on his own. He complained against Rau's when his trousers tore in knee-deep water after a short spell of rain in June and he realised that "any more rain would go into their basement (library)".

Kushwah told **The Telegraph** from his hometown Gwalior: "Students are still protesting as we want safety in future which can only happen if the government issues specific guidelines on coaching centres. How do we believe that everything will be alright if it is still the same Municipal Corporation of Delhi and other bodies with no changes in the rules under which they function? The current rules have loopholes"

He added: "Last week, I also complained about the buildings where I live — in Shadipur. Buildings with approval for three storeys have built up to eight storeys. The state of these buildings is such that in heavy rain, one fears as to how long they would stand."

Several protestors held a vigil with torches of their mobile phones outside Rau's IAS Study Circle on Tuesday evening.

Several job aspirants stay in or near the coaching class hubs in areas like Shadipur — the underbelly of most metros where structural safety is often traded for relatively lower rents.

In court, the prosecution opposed the bail of the least likely culprit—a driver of an SUV that caused a wave of accumulated rainwater to topple over Rau's gate and flood the basement. Judicial Magistrate Vinod Kumar reserved the order on the bail plea of Manuj Kathuria.

'Insult' spurs Rahul's fight for caste census

J.P. YADAV

New Delhi: Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday seized on a "personal insult" hurled at him in the Lok Sabha to turn the tables on the government and project himself as a fighter for the underprivileged, iterating his commitment to a caste census in the country.

The conclusion of the discussion on the budget in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday saw the Treasury benches led by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and BJP MP Anurag Singh Thakur go all guns blazing to target Rahul.

"You can happily insult me as much as you want, do it on a daily basis, but take it from me that we will pass the caste census in this House," Rahul intervened after a huge uproar over Thakur launching an oblique personal attack on him.

"Those whose caste is unknown are calling for an enumeration," Thakur had said in his budget discussion speech, leading to protests from the Opposition benches. As Thakur sought to defend his remarks saying he had not taken any names and the Opposition benches demanded an apology, Rahul intervened again.

"Whoever in this country speaks for Dalits, tribals and OBCs, fights for them, they have to take abuse from others. I will take all the abuse happily.... Anurag Thakur has insulted me, he has abused me, but I don't want an apology from him. I am fighting a battle and I will continue to do so. You insult me as much as you want, I don't want an apology," Rahul said.

"This speech by my young and energetic colleague, Shri @ianuragthakur is a must hear. A perfect mix of facts and humour, exposing the dirty politics of the INDI Alliance," Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X, attaching a video of Thakur's speech.

Rahul came under attack once again when the finance minister rose to reply to the budget discussion, again over his caste census pitch. Sitharaman started with the "*halwa*" ceremony before the budget preparation, which Rahul had

Rahul Gandhi speaks in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. (PTI picture)

used in the House on Monday to slam the government, and invoked anti-reservation comments attributed to Nehru-Gandhi family members to target Rahul.

"Charity begins at home," Sitharaman told the House and went on to claim that there was no Scheduled Caste in the nine-member board heading the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation. "Out of the 5 directors in the Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust, there was not one SC," she added. "And, they want to lecture us on the representation of the SCs, STs and OBCs," she remarked, amid an uproar.

Sitharaman went on to claim that Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi had all opposed reservations and used it to slam Rahul's demand for a caste census. "In 1981, the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in an interview had said that 'promotion of idiots in the name of reservations would harm the entire country'...," she said, as the BJP members shouted "shame, shame..." She said that both Indira and Rajiv had suppressed the report of the Mandal Commission recommending reservations for the OBCs.

Sitharaman alleged a conspiracy to divide the county into compartments, referring to Rahul's obsrvations on how many SC, ST and OBC officers were involved in the preparation of the budget. She slammed the Opposition for launching a "misleading campaign" that non-NDA states had been ignored in the budget.

Veterans flag Pangong bridge peril

IMRAN AHMED SIDDIQUI

New Delhi: Military veterans on Tuesday expressed apprehension over a new bridge operationalised by the Chinese army connecting the north and south banks of the Pangong Lake inside the India-claimed lines in eastern Ladakh.

They said the move confirmed their fears that the People's Liberation Army was forcing India to accept the new status quo in the region.

New satellite images suggest that China has completed the construction of a 400m bridge with light motor vehicles plying across it. Security experts said it would give China "a strategic edge" in the region as it would allow PLA troops to speedily move between the north and south banks of the Pangong Lake.

"It is a matter of extreme concern for India. The bridge enhances connectivity between China's forward and depth forces, underscoring Beijing's commitment to solidifying its territorial claims against India by modifying the landscape to its advantage," said a former major general.

"It has also confirmed our fears that the People's Liberation Army seems to be forcing India to accept the new status quo in the region," he said.

India and China have been locked in a border standoff since May 2020 in eastern Ladakh and the Pangong Lake is one of the multiple friction points where the PLA has transgressed.

Beginning in May 2020, Indian and Chinese soldiers had a series of violent skirmishes along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh. Twenty Indian soldiers were killed in action in the Galwan Valley which lies to the north of the Pangong Lake.

"Reports suggest that the bridge is capable of supporting heavy military equipment, such as tanks and armoured personnel carriers. It will enable the PLA to rapidly deploy troops and equipment, enhancing its operational efficiency and logistical support in the region," said a former lieutenant general.

A retired colonel said the Chinese army "has fortified its positions at multiple transgression points in eastern Ladakh".

"The PLA is forcing India to agree to its reinterpretation of the Line of Actual Control. India's capitulation has made restoration of the pre-April 2020 status quo difficult," he said.

Congress MP Manish Tewari posted on X on Tuesday: "China has built a bridge that connects the north and south banks of Pangong Lake. It has serious strategic consequences for India as it allows China to quickly move troops from one bank of the lake to the other. It provides strategic dominance to China of the Pangong Lake sector. By its silence, GOI is enabling China to create new facts on the ground on a daily basis. Parliament should discuss this now."

Reports of the new bridge being constructed by China near the Pangong Lake emerged in January 2022. Reacting to the development, India's foreign ministry had said that the bridge was being constructed in areas that have been under illegal occupancy by China for around 60 years and India had never accepted such illegal occupancy.

Officials in India's defence ministry on Tuesday declined comments on the new bridge.

So far, 21 rounds of military talks have been held between the two armies and the discussions have crossed over 270 hours since the first talks were organised on June 6, 2020, amid the "no-intrusion" claim by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Farooq fears Pak 'attack'

MUZAFFAR RAINA

Srinagar: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday saw war clouds gathering in the region following a "commandos-driven" surge in militant attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, betraying worries as weeks-long operations to hunt down the infiltrators involved in the attacks have yielded no results.

The former chief minister suggested that there might be some validity to claims that Pakistani commandos had sneaked into the Union Territory and were contributing to the rise in violence.

Farooq said it was sad that while people aspire for peace between the two nations, an attack appeared imminent.

He said: "Instead of peace, there could be an attack. That is what we fear. If it (militant attacks) continues, there will be a time when India will not tolerate this. People of India will want the government to take some steps so that terrorism stops."

"There is no doubt that terrorism is growing and highly trained people are coming. We pray to God that we will be saved from this calamity. We want them (Pakistan) to come to their senses. This will not solve problems but further deteriorate the situation," he said.

Asked about the possible infiltration of Pakistani commandos, Farooq said: "It could be they are commandos, the way they are attacking. They seem to be highly trained. That is why we see a big danger."

'Was unaware of my resignation being accepted by high command'

'Former' surprise rankles Adhir

MEGHDEEP BHATTACHARYYA

Calcutta: Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Tuesday brought to the fore a rift between him and the Congress high command by calling out the party's national president Mallikarjun Kharge and its Bengal minder Ghulam Ahmad Mir over the treatment meted out to him as the outgoing chief of the state unit.

The former Baharampur MP — who lost this time to Trinamool's Yusuf Pathan after five consecutive victories from the seat — issued a statement claiming he was unaware of the high command's decision to accept a resignation he had submitted till he was referred to as the "former" Pradesh Congress Committee president at a meeting on Monday.

"I had offered my resignation to Khargeji (after the June 4 results), to which he had asked me to come to Delhi for a discussion. Accordingly, I had gone to attend the meeting," said Chowdhury.

"There, I saw I was being referred to as the former president. I was not even aware my resignation was accepted," added the former MP, whose resistance to any truck with Mamata Banerjee in Bengal was instrumental in her decision to go it alone in the state.

Since his defeat and the poll debacles of the Congress in Bengal, questions have been raised about Chowdhury's political future.

An analysis of the poll data suggests that a united fight by the INDIA bloc in Bengal would have cost the BJP at least six Lok Sabha seats out of the 12 it won here.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. File picture

"I have no desire for any post," said Chowdhury. "I will be on the streets with all my colleagues, in movements. I have not learned to compromise with injustice, and will not do so in the future."

Chowdhury also brought up a mid-May tiff with Kharge when the Congress chief had publicly disowned his remark that Mamata was untrustworthy.

After Kharge had seemingly threatened Chowdhury with punitive action by the high command, the latter had reminded him that he too was part of it as an AICC and CWC member.

"When the elections were on, Khargeji said on TV that if necessary, I would be kept out, which got me upset. I had told the supreme leadership that if they wanted alliance parleys with the Trinamool, they should appoint someone else as state president. Then, the results were poor in Bengal. I had offered my resignation," said Chowdhury, a day after the Congress's general secretary (organisation), K.C. Venugopal, met the Bengal leadership and discussed several issues.

"But I knew going in that this meeting was convened with me as the president... Only when Mir referred to me as the former president did I realise that I am no longer the president," he added. "I am not sure if he (Mir) even knows the state."

On Tuesday, Mir said Chowdhury had resigned as the state unit chief after the Lok Sabha polls and the process to appoint a new chief was under way.

"Since he was in that briefing, I informed everyone that you should know that Adhir Ranjanji, after the elections, had tendered his resignation," he said. "This is the truth, that he had given his resignation. Since he had given his resignation... he is a former (state unit chief)."

Cancer to train crash, a fighter's journey

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"We travel to Mumbai for her (Anjana's) treatment. The negligence of the railways that caused the derailment could have taken our lives," said the 56-year-old trader, who has been travelling to Mumbai, mostly in the same train, ever since his wife was diagnosed with cancer in 2011.

He said many passengers like him had a close shave because a few coaches tilted onto a wall, fortunately allowing some space to crawl out of the train.

"I shudder to think what could have happened if the wall hadn't been there. The number of casualties would have been much higher. Around 3.45am we woke up to a jolt and found the coach tilted," said Shyamaprasad, a fish wholesaler at Sija Bazar of Balagarh in Hooghly.

He said many passengers, including cancer patients and the elderly, got injured while jumping out of the derailed coaches.

"This train ferries hundreds of cancer patients to Mumbai regularly. It was painful to see some of them crawling to get off the derailed coaches. The railways should focus more on passengers' safety than dream of introducing high-speed trains on such a shaky infrastructure," Shyamaprasad said.

Though Shyamaprasad and Anjana were not injured, another elderly person, Nimai Pramanik from Hooghly's Jirat who was travelling with his wife Rina, also a cancer patient, was badly injured when he jumped off the train in panic.

Achintya Das, son-in-law of the Pramaniks, said the elderly couple suffered multiple injuries and had to be admitted to Chakradharpur Railway Hospital.

"They travel to Mumbai every three months for the treatment of my mother-in-law. Her cancer treatment has to be postponed now because of the accident," said Das, who was on his way to Chakradharpur when this reporter got in touch with him.

The railways arranged an alternative train from Chakradharpur station for passengers who were not injured. The Halders took the train that left Chakradharpur around 11.15am on Tuesday.

"Now we are crossing Raipur in Chhattisgarh and travelling in a three-tier AC coach. It is impossible to forget what we faced barely 12 hours ago," Shyamaprasad said on Tuesday evening.

Asked what the railway was doing for injured passengers, Om Prakash Charan, chief public relations officer of South Eastern Railway, said: "We are taking care of their treatment at a railway hospital. As for those who were not injured, we have arranged a special train to their destination."

Birla, Didi talk investment

SAMBIT SAHA

Calcutta: Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of Aditya Birla Group, called on Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday and discussed ongoing and upcoming projects involving an estimated investment of ₹5,000 crore in the state.

Birla, who was born in Calcutta but now lives in Mumbai, also expressed his desire to set up a "world-class educational institute" in the city, according to a post on X by Mamata.

"While this was a courtesy visit, he (Birla) discussed with me the business opportunities of Bengal and their investment intentions here. They are having ongoing/in-pipeline projects worth ₹5,000 crore in different sectors like cement and paints manufacturing," Mamata wrote on X.

In the meeting at Nabanna, Mamata assured Birla of her support. The tête-à-tête is the first publicly known interaction Mamata held with a high-profile industrialist after scoring a resounding victory in the general election in Bengal.

Aditya Birla Group, which has a market capitalisation of over $100 billion through seven publicly listed companies, is in the process of setting up a paint factory and cement grinding unit in Kharagpur.

Mamata Banerjee with Kumar Mangalam Birla in Calcutta on Tuesday. Picture posted by the Bengal chief minister on X

The paint factory, which is slated to begin commercial production by March 2025, alone entails an investment of ₹1,500 crore. The unit, which is part of ABG's maiden foray into the paints industry, will cater to the entire eastern and northeastern region under the brand Birla Opus.

The Mumbai-based group is also setting up a cement grinding unit in the state under UltraTech Cement. With three units already under production, the operation of the fourth unit would take UltraTech's capacity to 11 million tonnes in Bengal.

ABG's footprint in the state also spans 150 fashion retail outlets, including Pantaloons, and 60 branches of financial services. Birla also has a textile and aluminium flat-rolled product unit in Bengal.

Anubrata bail, to stay in jail

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal who was arrested by the CBI in a cattle-smuggling case.

Mondal, however, will have to remain in jail as the Enforcement Directorate, too, had registered a parallel case against him under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The probe agencies had accused Mondal of being part of a racket smuggling cattle to Bangladesh through Birbhum and Murshidabad.

A bench of Justices Bela M. Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma granted the relief after briefly hearing senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for Mondal and additional solicitor general S.V Raju for the CBI.

Raju opposed the bail arguing that Mondal was an influential person and could sway the trial and tamper with evidence. However, Rohatgi said Mondal had been incarcerated since August 2022 and the trial was unlikely to conclude soon as a large number of witnesses were to be examined. Rohatgi said Mondal was entitled to bail on a parity with the main accused who had got the relief.

However, Mondal will have to stay in jail on account of his arrest by the ED in November 2022.

FM 'chauvinist' jibe at Sougata

J.P. YADAV

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday termed Trinamool Congress member Sougata Roy a "male chauvinist" for saying she was "bereft of new ideas" as she did not have a foreign degree.

"From the land of Bengal, which gave us 'Vande Mataram', today we have Professor Sougata Roy, who remarked that I'm 'bereft' of new ideas because I'm from JNU & not Harvard or Oxford," she told the Lok Sabha.

"Even the chief minister and finance minister of Bengal have studied from the University of Calcutta. I want to ask him, are they too bereft of ideas? We're all from Indian Universities and I want to ask him in what way are we less than the Harvards & Oxfords of the world. Even he teaches in an Indian University. He should be ashamed of himself," she added.

Sitharaman went on to slam Bengal's economic decline under the Left and the Trinamool rule, leading to huge protests by Trinamool members who later staged a walkout demanding a white paper on the devolution of central funds for welfare schemes, particularly the rural employment guarantee scheme.

"Bengal's share of the total industrial production of the country, which used to be 24 per cent at the time of Independence, declined to just 3.5 per cent by 2021. There has been a downward trend in gross capital formation. In 2010, Bengal accounted for 6.7 per cent of capital formation in India. Now, it accounts for only 2.9 per cent," she said.

Roy had said he didn't expect Sitharaman to be like Dr Manmohan Singh or former finance minister P. Chidambaram with degrees from Oxford and Harvard universities. "She is from our own JNU. But the problem is she is bereft of new ideas," he had said.

Nirmala Sitharaman. File picture

Sougata Roy. File picture

e-Procurement Cell
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT,
BUILDING DIVISION, KODERMA

Short Term e-Procurement Notice (2nd Call)
E-Tender Reference No.-RE/02/BCD/EE/KODERMA/2024-25 Date :- 29.07.2024

1	Name of Work	Construction of New Principal District Judge Building and Barrack for 9 Person at Civil Court Complex, Koderma
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	5,63,02,774.00
3	Time of Completion	15 MONTHS
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	05.08.2024 at 10:00AM
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	20.08.2024 up to 3:00PM
6	Tender Opening Date/Time	21.08.2024 at 3:00PM
6	Name & address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DIVISIONKODERMA
7	Contact no. of Procurement officer	91079-79082
8	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	99315-10044

Note- Cost of Bidding Document (Not Refundable) & Bid Security (Security Deposit) shall be payable online through http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
Any change can be seen on Website *http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in*
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E-TENDER NOTICE No. 03 for 2024-25

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B1" form for the following works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Jawhar, (Phone No. 02520-222226) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the **Registered Contractors** in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.
This tender notice contains **17 (Seventeen)** works and their details can also be viewed on www.mahapwd.com and also downloaded from Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal **http://mahatenders.gov.in** and sub portal.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Work Portion (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Tender form Fee	Time limit in (Calendar)	Head
1	Construction of CC Road MDR 42 to Chambale Road Bhiwandi VR-134, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar. VR-393	41,11,825.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
2	Bhiwandi VR-134 Construction of Chamble Chikanpada CC Road in Wada, Taluka-Wada, District:-Palghar. VR-392	41,11,825.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
3	Bhiwandi VR-134 Construction of Dhodegothan to Chamble CC Road in Wada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar. VR-391	41,11,825.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
4	Bhiwandi Gramin-134 Construction of Cement Concrete Road M.D.R. 42 Gatesh Khanivali Kelthan Dakivali Km.31/00 to 33/00 in Wada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar. VR-391	41,36,865.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
5	Bhiwandi Gramin-134 Construction of Kondhale to Kondhale Smashanbhumi Eksal Road in Wada, Taluka-Wada. District-Palghar. VR-322	41,17,549.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
6	Bhiwandi Gramin-134 Construction of Cement Concrete Road M.D.R. 42 Gatesh Khanivali Kelthan Dakivali Km. 29/00 to 31/00 in Wada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	41,36,865.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
7	Bhiwandi Gramin-134 Construction of Kondhale Main Road to Astech Company to Mhaswal Stop Road in Wada M.D.R. 120, Taluka-Wada, District:-Palghar.	80,37,681.00	82,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
8	Bhiwandi Gramin-134 S.T.B.T. to O.D.R. 91 to Malcnda Road in Wada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar. V.R. 342	41,00,943.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
9	Improvement of Road Khariwal to Bilawali, Taluka-Wada, District:-Palghar	31,71,258.00	33,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
10	Construction of Internal Road Mohalla At-Khaniwali, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	41,34,693.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
11	Repair of Hamrapur to Gorhe Road, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	39,93,007.00	41,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
12	Improvement of Ravachepada in Ghodmal, Taluka-Wada, District:-Palghar.	63,41,047.00	65,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
13	Construction of Road Towards Nagnath Tempale at Ambiste, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	55,08,834.00	56,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
14	A.M.C to MDR-43 Gourapur Budhawali Chirchghar Kudus Kondhala Varnol Khaire Road MDR 120 Km. 0/00 to 12/00 and 17/00 to 25/00, Tal Wada, Dist Palghar. (One Year Maintenance for Year 2023-24)	54,90,728.00	56,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	3054 Road and Bridge 3054011'-27
15	Construction of Compounc Wal to Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Office Premises (Backside) At-Wada, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	40,61,173.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/- + 18% GST Rs. 90/- Total Rs. 590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	4059 DPDC 40592942-53
16	S.T.B.T. and Widening to Durvesh Ghodmal Borands M.D.R. 36 Km.9/00 to 9/700, Taluka-Wada, District-Palghar.	57,03,050.00	59,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50540106-53
17	F.D.R. to Galesh Khanival Palsai Asnas Nimbavali Road M.D.R. 42 Km. 0/000 to 35/000, Taluka-Wada, District- Palghar.	68,64,248.00	71,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST Rs. 180/- Total Rs. 1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	3054 FDR 3054011'-27

Period of E-Tenders Date – 31.07.2024 to Date – 07.08.2024
Date of Opening Date – 08.08.2024 after 11.00 hrs. (If possible)
The Executive Engineer P.W. Division Jawhar reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.
Note:-
1. All eligible/interested e-tenders are required to be enroled on portal enrolled on ports http://mahatenders.gov.in before downloading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
2. The Electronic tendering system for Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra will be available on separate Sub Portal with URL http://mahatenders.gov.in as part of the Electronic Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal http://maharashtra.etenders.in

OW. No./PWD/JWR/TC/8225
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Work Division, Jawhar
Dist. Palghar, Pin-401603
Date: 22.07.2024
ROC/2024-25/NO-5/C1393

Executive Engineer
P. W. Division, Jawhar
Dist-Palghar

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		3 Months ended 30 June, 2024 (Unaudited) Rs. Crores	Year ended 31 Mar, 2024 (Audited) Rs. Crores	3 Months ended 30 June, 2023 (Unaudited) Rs. Crores	3 Months ended 30 June, 2024 (Unaudited) Rs. Crores	Year ended 31 Mar, 2024 (Audited) Rs. Crores	3 Months ended 30 June, 2023 (Unaudited) Rs. Crores
1.	Total Income	4,326.91	16,113.73	4,091.82	4,452.04	16,859.68	4,267.78
2.	Net Profit before Exceptional Item and Tax	374.05	1,409.88	322.23	316.05	1,231.17	304.37
3.	Net Profit before Tax	374.05	1,409.88	322.23	316.05	1,231.17	304.37
4.	Net Profit after tax for the period	279.57	1,052.96	241.94	220.75	882.82	224.11
5.	Net Profit after Tax and Non- Controlling Interest	279.57	1,052.96	241.94	220.06	876.68	222.31
6.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(16.87)	2,097.49	1,415.05	(76.46)	1,930.20	1,397.42
7.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Re.1)	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00
8.	Other Equity	13,052.24 *	13,052.24 *	11,124.75 **	12,801.34 *	12,801.34 *	11,047.28 **
9.	Earnings per equity share for continued and discontinued operations (Basic & Diluted)	Rs. 3.29 #	Rs. 12.39	Rs. 2.85 #	Rs. 2.59 #	Rs. 10.31	Rs. 2.62 #

* As at March 31, 2024
** As at March 31, 2023
\# Not annualised

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and Company's website www.exideindustries.com.

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Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
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STOCK CHECK

Sensex intra-day movement

Previous 81355.84

CURRENCIES

US $	₹83.72
UK Pound	₹107.69
Euro	₹90.70

INDICES

BSE		
Sensex	81455.40	+99.56
Midcap	48220.58	+131.90
Smallcap	55411.62	+483.45
NSE		
Nifty	24857.30	+21.2
Next 50	74215.85	-72.45
Nifty 500	23440.90	+46.7

Most active on NSE

Scrip	Price*	Traded value#
HDFC Bank	1614	4410.63
TataMotors	1162	3315.48
ICICIBank	1206	2915.22
AxisBank	1167	2121.04
VBL	1576	2048.55

*In ₹; #In ₹ crore

COMMODITIES

Gold (10 gram in ₹)		
Pure	69200	—
Hallmark	66100	—
Silver (kg in ₹)		
Bar	82150	-200
Portion	82250	-200
Crude*	6299	-52.0
Copper#	784	-6.75

*per barrel in ₹; # per kg in ₹

MONEY MARKET

	Yield (%)
Call rate	5.10-6.55
91-day T-Bill	6.76
1-year Gilt	6.93
5-year Gilt	6.96
10-year Gilt	7.05

Curbs on Chinese FDI to stay

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: India has no plans to lift its restrictions on FDI from China despite the Economic Survey's strong pitch on closer capital ties with Beijing that triggered a volley of suggestions from top government officials on how to approach the sticky issue.

Commerce minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday thumbed down Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran's nuanced arguments for Chinese FDI in the Survey and said the country is not re-thinking the issue of allowing Chinese investments into the country as he dismissed speculation the government might ease the restrictions on foreign direct investment (FDI).

Following clashes in the remote Himalayan border in 2020 between the two nuclear armed nations, India tightened scrutiny on investments from Chinese companies.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had backed Nageswaran's suggestion to allow more Chinese investment into the country.

Goyal, speaking to reporters, reiterated that the government has no plans to support Chinese FDI. "There is no rethinking at present to support Chinese investments in the country."

The minister said the Survey always speaks about new ideas and gives out their own thinking.

The ideas, he said, is not at all binding on the government and there is no thinking on supporting Chinese investments in the country.

Anantha Nageswaran had said in the Survey that India should consider attracting FDI from China to boost exports and address the growing trade deficit with Beijing.

Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

"The investment that comes from China is checked, wherever we do not feel it is appropriate, it is stopped. Our policy remains the same, the chief economic advisor gave an advice," Goyal said later in the day in the Lok Sabha.

Commerce ministry data showed China has only invested $2.5 billion as FDI through official channels since 2001. By contrast, India received $990.97 billion in FDI from April 2000 to March 2024, with $667.41 billion coming in the last decade alone.

Despite minimal FDI from China, bilateral trade between the two nations has surged. China emerged as India's largest trading partner in 2023-24, with two-way commerce reaching $118.4 billion, surpassing the US.

Trade deficit with China, however, widened to $85 billion in 2023-24 from $83.2 billion the previous year.

The Economic Survey highlighted India's widening trade gap with China and suggested that attracting Chinese capital could reduce import dependency. Nageswaran referenced the experience of East Asian economies, noting that FDI from China could boost Indian exports to the US.

The European Union (EU) has suggested that India can devise its own mechanism instead of paying the carbon tax to the European Union, Goyal said.

India Inc needs to step up

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India is firmly on the path to becoming the world's third-biggest economy within the next five years and that global investors are eyeing it as an investment destination, as he exhorted the domestic industry to seize the golden opportunity to be part of the journey of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Addressing a CII post-budget conference, he said wealth creators are the main driving force of the country's growth story.

"Today, the whole world is looking at India and you (industry). Policies of the government and commitment and investment are becoming foundation of global development.

PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Investors across the world are keen to come to India. World leaders are filled with positivity for India. This is the golden chance for the Indian industry and we should not lose this opportunity," Modi said.

The Prime Minister positioned India's capital expenditure strategy as a global benchmark, emphasising the country's fiscal prudence and robust economic growth in the face of global uncertainties.

"India's capital expenditure has increased more than fivefold to over ₹11.11 lakh crore in the past decade. Capital expenditure is the most effective form of resource investment, and our fiscal prudence sets a global example."

Modi emphasised India's role as a place of high growth and low inflation in a world grappling with the opposite. The economy grew 7.8 per cent in the March quarter, pushing the annual growth rate to 8.2 per cent.

Murthy caution

Infosys founder Narayana Murthy has said "India is far away from becoming a (manufacturing) hub and all of that. These are all big words we should not use."

Such ambitions may come unstuck because of the bottlenecks in government functioning and pessimism among labourers, Murthy said.

He said China has become a global manufacturing hub as its citizens are disciplined. The gross domestic product of China is six times that of India.

Vaulting growth ambitions may come unstuck because of the way the government functions.

"Unfortunately, the response time, transparency, accountability, speed and excellence in public governance systems in India still has to improve. It will improve but will take time." He was speaking at a recent technology event in Bengaluru.

HEALTH WATCH

Quarter ended June

Profit (₹ cr)	2023	2024
IOC	13750	2643
GAIL	1792	3183

IOC records 81% drop in Q1 profit

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm, on Tuesday reported an 81 per cent drop in June quarter net profit as refinery and marketing margins fell and the firm booked under-recovery on the sale of domestic cooking gas LPG at government-controlled rates.

IOC reported a standalone net profit of ₹2,643.18 crore in the April-June period — the first quarter of the current 2024-25 fiscal year — compared with a profit of ₹13,750.44 crore a year back, the company said in a stock exchange filing.

Net profit also declined sequentially, when compared to an earning of ₹11,570.82 crore in the January-March quarter.

While the PSU earned $6.39 on turning every barrel of crude oil into fuel in the quarter ($8.34 per barrel gross refining margin last year), its pre-tax earnings from downstream fuel retailing businesses slumped 77 per cent to ₹4,299.96 crore.

The company and other state-owned fuel retailers — Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) — last year made extraordinary gains from holding petrol and diesel prices despite a drop in cost.

GAIL net jumps 77%

GAIL (India) Ltd, the nation's largest gas transportation and distribution firm, on Tuesday reported a 77.5 per cent jump in its June quarter net profit after earnings from the gas marketing business doubled.

Consolidated net profit of ₹3,183.35 crore in April-June was higher than ₹1,792.99 crore earnings in the same period a year, according to a stock exchange filing of the company.

IN BRIEF

SBI raises $ loan from GIFT

■ **NEW DELHI:** SBI has raised $750 million term loan from its GIFT City branch, its lead arranger said on Tuesday. The senior unsecured syndicated term loan facility was signed on July 11, according to a statement from Mashreq, which acted as the sole global coordinator for the facility. PTI

Snapdragon

■ **NEW DELHI:** Qualcomm on Tuesday launched the Snapdragon 4S Gen 2 chipset and said it will bring down 5G smartphone price to ₹8,000 and less. Designed for entry-level handsets, the mobile platform claims to make 5G accessible to over 600 million smartphone users in India. PTI

Fraud check

■ **MUMBAI:** The RBI on Tuesday said non-bank payment system operators will have to put in place a real-time fraud monitoring solution to identify suspicious transactional behaviour and generate alerts. PTI

BOTTOM LINERS

AESL takes QIP route to fund expansion

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mumbai: Adani Energy Solutions (AESL) on Tuesday launched a qualified institutional placement (QIP) to raise more funds for its expansion plans.

This will be the first equity fund raising by an Adani group firm after flagship Adani Enterprises (AEL) called off its follow-on public offering (FPO) of ₹20,000 crore in February last year.

AESL, formerly Adani Transmission, has set a floor price of ₹1,027 per share, and a discount of up to 5 per cent will be allowed on the floor price, the Adani group firm said in a regulatory filing.

While AESL did not disclose how much it intends to raise from QIP, reports say that it could mobilise ₹6000-8000 crore.

The QIP comes at a time AEL is planning to come out with the first public issue of bonds since the Hindenburg report for an aggregate amount of ₹600 crore.

While the QIP announcement came after market hours, shares of AESL zoomed 6.95 per cent to close at ₹1,125.40 on the BSE.

While demand for the issue has reportedly crossed three times, it could see the participation of funds such as GQG, ADIA, White Oak and other US funds.

On May 27, the company's board had approved a proposal for mobilising an aggregate amount of up to ₹12,500 crore through QIP or other means. Last month, its shareholders had approved the proposal at its annual general meeting (AGM).

For the conglomerate, the latest fund raising comes as it has shrugged off the setback from the damaging Hindenburg report last year. Its share prices have rallied, while group firms have taken up various expansion plans.

Sebi proposes larger F&O trading lot size

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday proposed to tighten rules on derivatives trading as it sought to curb speculation.

In a consultation paper, Sebi suggested increasing the minimum value of a derivatives contract in a phased manner, collection of option premiums on a upfront basis, rationalisation of weekly index products and intra-day monitoring of position limits.

Sebi said the equity derivatives market is witnessing increased retail participation, more short tenure index options contracts and heightened speculative trading volumes in index derivatives on expiry date. It now seeks to introduce measures to enhance investor protection and promote market stability.

The regulator wants the minimum size for index derivative contracts be revised in two phases.

In Phase 1, the minimum value of the derivatives contract at the time of introduction should be ₹15-20 lakh.

TIGHTER RULES

- Raise the minimum size of index derivatives contracts
- Collect upfront options premium from clients
- Intra-day monitoring of position limits
- Rationalise weekly expiry to one per week on the benchmark index

In Phase II, after six months, the minimum value should be the interval of ₹20-30 lakh. The minimum contract size now is ₹5-10 lakh which was last set in 2015.

The second major recommendation related to upfront collection of options premium from clients. At present, there is no explicit stipulation of upfront collection of options premium. Sebi also suggested intra-day monitoring of position limits.

Currently, while limits for various participants and product types are specified, they are monitored by MIIs (Clearing Corporations/Stock Exchanges) at the end of the day.

According to the market regulator particularly on the day of expiry, there is a possibility of undetected intraday positions beyond permissible limits even as end of day open positions would be nil.

``Given the evolving market structure, the position limits for index derivative contracts shall also be monitored by the clearing corporations/stock exchanges on intra-day basis," it added.

The regulator wants to rationalise weekly expiry and restrict it to one per week on the benchmark index per exchange. It wants options contract only on a single benchmark index of an exchange.

For instance currently, the NSE has weekly contracts on Nifty, Bank Nifty, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty Midcap. The discussion paper's suggestion will mean that the bourse will have to offer contracts only on a single index.

"This change will likely impact volumes, as the recent volumes in the equity derivatives segment have been driven by weekly expiries," said Dhiraj Relli, MD & CEO, HDFC Securities.

Carlyle arm sells 13% in PNB Housing

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mumbai: Quality Investment Holdings, a Carlyle entity, on Tuesday sold nearly 13 per cent of PNB Housing Finance through an open market transaction for ₹2,578 crore.

For the quarter ended June 30, it had held 8,48,84,311 shares translating to a 32.68 per cent stake in the non-banking finance company (NBFC).

Bulk deal data available from the BSE showed it divested 16,630,000 shares each of PNB Housing Finance in two tranches at a price of ₹775.25 per share and ₹775.02 apiece. Part of these shares were picked up by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Aditya Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund, DSP Blackrock Mutual Fund and HSBC Mutual Fund.

Amid the block deal, shares of PNB Housing Finance settled weak. It ended at ₹779.35 on the BSE, marking a fall of ₹14.85, or 1.87 per cent, over the last close. Based on the closing price, the company had a market cap of ₹20,241.92 crore. On the NSE, the scrip settled with a loss of 2 per cent at ₹779.

PNB Housing Finance on Thursday reported a 25 per cent improvement in its net profit to ₹433 crore in the first quarter ended June 2024. It had posted a net profit of ₹347 crore in the same quarter a year earlier.

REPORT CARD

Quarter ended June

(₹ crore)	2023	2024
Revenues	4073	4313
Net profit	242	280

Exide profit rises 16% to ₹280cr

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Exide Industries on Tuesday reported a 15.7 per cent rise in standalone net profit at ₹280 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, up from ₹242 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Revenue from operations was at ₹4,313 crore, up 5.9 per cent from ₹4,073 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The company said that despite an increase in commodity prices, it has seen a growth in its operating profits and EBITDA supported by revenue growth and cost optimisation initiatives.

The company also said that during the first quarter, it has invested ₹200 crore as equity into the wholly owned subsidiary Exide Energy Solutions. With an additional equity investment of ₹75 crore in July, the total investment in EESL has gone up to ₹2,577.24 crore.

"Both automobile and industrial verticals have delivered growth and near-term drivers are promising," Exide Industries managing director and CEO Avik Roy said.

"In our lithium-ion project, onsite construction and installation of production line equipment is underway," Roy said.

Gold demand falls 5%

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: India's gold demand was down 5 per cent to 149.7 tonnes during the second quarter (April-June) of calendar year 2024 amid high prices of the metal during this period, the World Gold Council said on Tuesday.

Jewellery demand during the second quarter was down 17 per cent at 106.5 tonnes while investment demand was up 46 per cent at 43.1 tonnes.

However, following a duty cut in the budget, the subsequent price fall in domestic markets is expected to spur demand during the festive season with the full year gold demand estimated by the council at 700-750 tonnes.

"India's gold demand softened slightly in Q2 2024. This can be attributed to record high gold prices impacting affordability and causing a slowdown in consumer purchases.

DEMAND STATS

Quarter ended June

(In tonnes)	2023	2024
Jewellery	128.6	106.5
Investment	29.5	43.1
Total	**158.1**	**149.7**

Source: World Gold Council

"Looking ahead, the recent 9 per cent reduction in import duty on gold is expected to revive demand in the July quarter ahead of the main festive season that begins from September. A healthy monsoon will boost sales too," said Sachin Jain, regional CEO, India, World Gold Council.

The average quarterly price in Q2 2024 was ₹62,700.5 compared with ₹52,191.6 in Q2 2023 without import duty and GST.

Jain further said that bucking the global trends, gold recycling fell 39 per cent to 23 tonnes as consumers opted for exchange of old gold jewellery rather than cashing in.

Globally gold demand was up 4 per cent year-on-year to 1,258 tonnes, the highest second quarter growth in the council's data series since 2000.

The growth was supported by over-the-counter transactions by central banks, including the RBI which added 19 tonnes to its gold reserves during the second quarter, taking total gold reserves to 841 tonnes.

Spencer's to exit NCR, Andhra

SAMBIT SAHA

Calcutta: Spencer's Retail Ltd has decided to exit Delhi-NCR, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by closing down 49 stores to cut losses.

The board of the RPSG Group company has approved the plan to ramp down operations in these markets and focus on the high-growth and comparatively profitable east and Uttar Pradesh regions where future expansions will take place.

On a consolidated basis, these 49 stores spread across 18 cities accounted for 19.5 per cent of consolidated revenue of Spencer's Retail in FY24. However, they accounted for a much larger share of losses for the company, which prompted Spencer's to hatch an exit plan.

CUTTING LOSSES

- Spencer's Retail to exit Delhi-NCR, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by closing down 49 stores
- To focus on high-growth and comparatively profitable east and Uttar Pradesh regions

In a conference call with the investors after the first quarter results, Anuj Singh, managing director and CEO of the company, said the decision of the board was well thought through and considered. While the move will shrink the topline of the company, it will allow Spencer's to consolidate and focus on the key markets, he explained.

Lower growth, higher competitive intensity and fragmented presence was cited as some of the key reasons for non-performance.

Spencer's now aims to become EBIDTA positive by the fourth quarter of FY25. "Exit from these does impact the topline but it also significantly reduces store level EBIDTA losses," Singh told investors.

The grocery retailer, along with subsidiary Nature's Basket, had 167 stores, including 106 in the east and UP. The company has about 1.3 million square feet of trading area which will shrink to about 0.8 million square feet post store closures. However, it hopes to add at least 0.1 million square feet annually and reach the 1 million square feet mark in a couple of years.

In the quarter ended June 30, Spencer's narrowed loss to ₹43 crore compared with ₹64 crore in the same period of last year, while revenue from operations slid 3.8 per cent to ₹548 crore. In FY24, it earned ₹2,345 crore in revenue from operations and ₹266 crore in losses.

The process to streamline the business along the lines ratified by the board last week was on display in the last fiscal too. Addressing shareholders in the latest annual report, chairman Shashwat Goenka said, "During 2023-24, Spencer's has been laser focused on the efficient allocation of resources, a strategy that has been pivotal in optimising our operations."

He informed that Spencer's closed 19 non-performing stores across the southern region, including key locations in Chennai, Kerala and Hyderabad.

NTPC eyes capex surge

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: Government-owned power major NTPC has set its sights on an installed capacity of over 130 gigawatt (GW) by 2031-32 with an estimated capital expenditure of ₹7 lakh crore. It currently has an installed capacity of 76 GW.

A foray into nuclear power generation is also in the pipeline with the proposed 2.8 GW project at Rajasthan to be set up in phases.

The central government has decided to add 80 GW of additional thermal power capacity by 2031-32 to meet the growing power demand. Out of this, NTPC is expected to add around 26 GW. NTPC officials told analysts that of the 26 GW, around 9.5 GW is currently under construction, 8 GW is in the tendering process and the remaining 8.5 GW tenders will be awarded by next year.

GAOL SET

- Target: Installed capacity of over 130 gigawatt (GW) by 2031-32 at a capital expenditure of ₹7 lakh crore
- A foray into nuclear power generation on cards with the proposed 2.8 GW project in Rajasthan
- Renewable energy target: 60 GW by 2032

"The entire 26 GW thermal plants will be on a cost plus regulated basis and will be set up as brownfield plants with competitive capex of ₹10-11 crore per MW on completion basis," Axis Securities said in a note on Tuesday.

On the renewable energy side, NTPC has set a target of 60 GW capacity by 2032. At present, around 9.2 GW of renewable energy projects are under construction with a pipeline of 24 GW. NEEPCO and THDC, the hydro subsidiaries, are expected to add around 12 GW by FY30.

The 2.8 GW nuclear power project is also under consideration for award, with a capex of around ₹42,000 crore. NTPC has formed a joint venture with Nuclear Power Corporation of India, with the latter owning 51 per cent of the JV.

On Tuesday, the NTPC scrip at ₹406.90 was up 3.31 per cent over the previous close on the BSE.

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GOOD MORNING

EVENT

■ Art exhibitions showcasing Pensive Moons (recent water colours) by Bholanath Rudra; The Salts of Many Seas by Ali Akbar P.N.; and Dawn to Dusk: A Silent Symphony by Ujjal Dey, Emami Art, Ground floor, 11am to 7pm.

Death threat probe

■ **CALCUTTA:** The detective department of Kolkata Police has started a probe to find out details of the caller who allegedly threatened a lawyer of Calcutta High Court and claimed to be an associate of gangster Subodh Singh.

Metro services

■ **CALCUTTA:** Metro Railway will increase the number of trains on the New Garia-Ruby stretch, the only functional section of the New Garia-airport corridor (Orange Line). From August 5, there will be 74 trains between Hemanta Mukhopadhyay (Ruby crossing) and Kavi Subhash (New Garia) stations, instead of the present daily count of 48. The first trains will leave the terminal stations at 8am, instead of 9am. The last trains will leave the terminal stations at 8pm, instead of 4.40pm. From August 10, the stretch will see commercial run on Saturdays as well. There will be no services on Sunday.

YESTERDATE

July 31, 1807

■ Lord Minto was appointed Governor-General of the Presidency of Fort William on this day.

Born in Edinburgh, he was first educated in Paris under the philosopher David Hume, after which he returned to England and studied law.

He entered Parliament in 1776 when he was 25, and in 1794 was appointed Governor of Corsica.

As Governor-General in India, he used the policy of non-intervention and avoided major wars.

He restrained the Pindari bandit leader Amir Khan.

In 1809, he signed the Treaty of Amritsar with Sikh leader Ranjit Singh of Punjab, which recognised the Sutlej river as the boundary between the Sikh state and the British territory in India.

He put an end to the Franco-Russian threat to India in 1810. He conquered the French islands in the Indian Ocean, Bourbon (now Réunion) and Mauritius, and Napoleon's Dutch East Indies territories Amboina (Ambon) and the Spice Islands (Moluccas) in the same year. In 1811, he conquered the island of Java. He remained Governor-General till 1813, the year he was created Viscount Melgund and Earl of Minto.

Chandrima S. Bhattacharya

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WEATHER

YESTERDAY

Maximum: 31.9°C (-0.6)

Minimum: 26.6°C (0)

RAINFALL: 44.2mm

HUMIDITY: Max: 95%, Min: 76%

THE FORECAST

Maximum 32°C | Minimum 27°C

EXPECTED: Generally cloudy sky

SUNSET 6.18pm | SUNRISE 5.08am

Delayed start blamed for derailment

Screams and blood haunt survivors

MONALISA CHAUDHURI

Calcutta: Two men from Calcutta, who were travelling to Odisha's Jharsuguda on an official assignment by the Howrah-Mumbai Mail that got derailed in Jharkhand, said they should have arrived at their destination without any hassle had the train's departure from Howrah not been delayed by three hours on Monday night.

Indrajit Koley, 58, a resident of Ichhapur in Barrackpore, and Sanjay Yadav, 30, who is originally from Odisha's Bokaro but lives in Howrah's Dhulagarh, suffered multiple injuries after the train collided with a goods train and derailed at Chakradharpur in Jharkhand early on Tuesday.

Koley and Yadav did not need to be admitted to hospital. They hired cabs for their homes after they were dropped to Tatanagar station by a rescue team on Tuesday morning.

Both are employees of a private company that deals in fabrics and has its head office in the BBD Bag area.

"The train left Howrah three hours late on Monday night. Instead of 7.35pm, our journey started at 10.25pm. Had the original schedule been maintained, the collision could have been avoided and we should have reached Jharsuguda around 3.30am," said Koley.

A help desk at Howrah station on Monday. Picture by Bishwarup Dutta

The collision happened around 3.45am.

Koley and Yadav were travelling in coach B5. Koley was on lower berth 36 and Yadav on upper berth 35.

"We were sleeping. Sometime after 3.35am there was a loud sound, which was followed by a massive jerk. We were thrown on the floor. My nose hit the small table attached to the wall of the coach between the windows. Before I could react, people in the coach fell on me," Koley recounted.

Yadav said he landed on his colleague after falling off his berth. "I could not make out what hit my leg but it started bleeding. I had an excruciating pain in my right hand, too," Yadav told **Metro** on his way to Tatanagar station from the accident site on Tuesday morning.

Indrajit Koley

Sanjay Yadav

After some time, the two stood back on their feet and tried to find their way out of the coach amid chaos. They switched on the flashlight of their mobile phones and saw the toilet of their coach had been ripped off.

"I will never forget the screams and the sight of blood. So many people were running around. We made our way to the entrance and found that our coach had been separated from the coach in front as the toilet had been ripped off," Yadav said.

Koley said they helped many co-passengers, especially the elderly, get off the coach.

A number of passengers who were rescued from the derailed train were transported to Tatanagar by bus later in the day.

Koley, whose wife and teenage daughter live with his elder brother's family, hired a cab that dropped him to Kharagpur.

From there he took a cab home to Barrackpore.

Yadav booked a cab home to Bokaro from Tatanagar.

Site of the derailment in Jharkhand. (PTI)

Anxiety rerun a year after Odisha train crash

DEBRAJ MITRA AND SAMARPITA BANNERJEE

Calcutta: A little over a year ago, a railway employee from the northern fringes of Calcutta was busy attending to family members and friends of survivors and victims of the triple-train crash in Odisha that killed nearly 300 people.

On Tuesday, his brother was at Howrah station, trying to gather information when the railway employee, who was injured in Tuesday's train accident, could return home.

Kamlesh Shaw, a resident of Halishahar in North 24-Parganas, was a ticket examiner on the Howrah-Mumbai Mail, elder brother Santosh told **Metro**.

"He called up a friend early in the morning. He said he suffered a shoulder injury and was admitted to a local railway hospital. I have spoken with him but he could not give more details. I am here to gather more information on him and visit him as soon as possible," said Santosh, standing near the help desk set up at Howrah station in the wake of the latest accident.

In June 2023, Kamlesh was posted at Howrah station where he attended to scores of people who came looking for near and dear ones who were affected in the Balasore accident.

"He later shared that experience with us. He said it was very traumatic. The anxiety of friends and family members who came to Howrah station would remain etched in his memory forever. I never thought I would have to experience a similar anxiety for him some day," said Santosh.

Late in the evening, this newspaper could connect with Kamlesh over the phone. He said he was at the railway hospital in Chakradharpur.

"It is so ironic. I was answering the queries of people in June 2023. Now, my relatives are doing the same for me," Kamlesh, who has been working with the railways for over 12 years, said from the hospital bed.

An information board at Howrah station on Tuesday displays the names of some of the trains that were rescheduled. Picture by Bishwarup Dutta

Many other people kept visiting the help desk at Howrah station throughout Tuesday, enquiring about passengers on the Howrah-Mumbai Mail.

Azim Sheikh, 34, a resident of East Burdwan, was one of them.

Sheikh had three of his friends on the Mumbai-bound train. Sheikh Suraz Ali, Debajit Baskey and Surja Layek work at a jewellery shop in Mumbai. Sheikh also works in the jewellery sector in the financial capital but not in the same shop.

He, too, was due to reach Mumbai but could not find tickets on the same train. He boarded the Gitanjali Express for Mumbai on Tuesday night.

"They had called me early this morning to inform me about the accident. They suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospital for first-aid," said Sheikh.

"Since then, I have not been able to contact them. I came here (help desk) to try and gather some more information on them," he said. Sheikh had come with his luggage, ready to board his train.

Many others with tickets on other trains whose schedules were disrupted were seen running helter-skelter.

Nutan Lakshmi Kudadi, a resident of Gariahat, was scheduled to travel on Tuesday on the Howrah-Barbil Jan Shatabdi Express with his elderly parents. The train was cancelled.

But Kudadi said she "did not get any information on the status of the train".

"It was only after reaching Howrah station that I found out from the Enquiry desk that the train had been cancelled. This is complete harassment. My father suffers from paralysis," she said around 2pm.

Accident causes disruptions

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta: The accident involving the Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Mail near Chakradharpur in Jharkhand has forced the cancellation of over 50 trains over the next couple of days. Many other trains are being diverted, said railway officials.

"We are expecting normal services to return in phases," said the spokesperson.

The following are among the trains cancelled

Wednesday

■ 12262 Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Duronto Express
■ 12871 Howrah-Titlagarh Express
■ 18030 Shalimar-LTT Mumbai Express
■ 12767 Santragachhi-Nanded Express
■ 18011 Howrah-Chakradharpur Express

Thursday

■ 02863 Howrah-Yesvantpur Special
■ 18189 Ernakulam-Tatanagar Express

The following trains are among the ones whose schedule has been tweaked

■ 18011 Howrah-Chakradharpur Express, which left Howrah on Tuesday, will be short-terminated in Adra
■ 18012 Chakradharpur-Howrah Express will start from Adra on Wednesday
■ 18029 LTT Mumbai-Shalimar Express that left Mumbai on Monday will be short-terminated in Bilaspur

Couple trapped after balcony collapse rescued

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: A couple were trapped inside their rooms when the balcony of the floor where they live in a three-storey building in Bhabani Dutta Lane, off College Street, collapsed early on Tuesday.

The couple — the husband is in his 60s and the wife in her 50s — were brought down by fire brigade and disaster management personnel.

Engineers of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), too, went to the site.

There were 13 people in the building when the second-floor balcony collapsed. Eleven of them managed to come down, said a resident.

"This is a 100-year-old building. My parents were in their second-floor rooms when the balcony collapsed. The rest of us managed to come out but my parents were stuck," said Anushka Morarka.

Anushka said that under the weight of the debris of the second-floor balcony, the first floor collapsed, too.

"We are now living on a portion of the ground floor," she said.

The balcony collapsed around 12.30am on Tuesday. Most residents were asleep. "My sister and my mother were awake. They heard a loud sound and alerted the other residents of the building," she said.

A senior KMC official said the civic body had issued a notice to the residents asking them to repair the building.

The debris of the balcony that collapsed early on Tuesday. Picture by Sanat Kr Sinha

Anushka denied the claim. "We did not get any notice from the KMC," she told **Metro**.

A demolition team from the KMC pulled down dangerous portions of the building on Tuesday.

The KMC official said there are many old and crumbling buildings in the city. While some of them can be restored, many are beyond repairs.

"We have tagged more than 200 buildings as *bipojjonok bari* (dangerous buildings). These buildings are mostly beyond repairs," he said.

KMC officials said rules have been amended to make it easier for the owners of old and crumbling buildings with multiple tenants to pull down the structures and erect new ones on the plots.

"Every year, portions of dilapidated buildings collapse during the monsoon," said a KMC official.

Acropolis Mall to reopen on August 3

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: Acropolis Mall, which has remained closed since a fire broke out there on June 14, will reopen on August 3, the mall authorities said on Tuesday.

An official said nearly 90 per cent of the mall would reopen, barring a few retailers like Hoppipola, Chili's and Time Zone, which will reopen after a few days.

Crossword, the bookstore where the fire broke, will remain closed, too.

Cinepolis and the food court will be operational from August 3.

"We received the fire department's permission on July 29 and have been working tirelessly to prepare for the reopening since," said Subhadip Basu, general manager, Acropolis Mall.

No one was injured in the fire.

The building, Acropolis, is divided into two sections. The mall is from the ground floor to the fourth floor. The floors from fifth to 20th have space for offices. The floors housing offices, which has a separate power connection that was unaffected by the fire, had reopened on June 25.

"Almost 90 per cent of the mall will reopen. Some retailers like Hoppipola, Chili's and Time Zone will reopen after a few days," Basu said.

Bid to prevent car theft kills owner

MONALISA CHAUDHURI

Zakaria Street: A man who had parked his car on Zakaria Street and mistakenly left the key on the ignition died trying to stop another man from driving it away, police said.

Mohammad Firoz, 52, chased his own car through a crowded Zakaria Street on Tuesday morning and tried to grab the steering wheel when the person at the wheel swerved right, apparently to get rid of him.

The man then rammed the car into a lamp post, crushing Firoz in between.

Firoz was declared dead at the Medical College and Hospital Calcutta. The person at the wheel has been arrested.

"I was sitting in my shop when I saw a speeding white car and a man hanging from the driver's window. The car took a sharp right turn and rammed into a lamp post. The man who was hanging from the window was crushed and fell lifeless on the road. A few seconds later, I realised that it was Firoz," said Mehmood Alam, a resident of Zakaria Street.

The man at the wheel was captured and handed over to police.

Firoz, originally from Bihar, stayed in a rented apartment on Zakaria Street. He would give his vehicle on hire for commercial use, the police said.

"He was very helpful. Even today, a few minutes before his death, he was helping a neighbour repair his car. He would park his car on the road," said Sheikh Sikandar, another neighbour.

Footage of a CCTV camera on Zakaria Street shows a man wearing a blue T-shirt entering Mohammad Firoz's car

Mohammad Firoz

The police identified the man who allegedly tried to steal the car as Mohammad Imroz, 25, a resident of Raj Mohan Street in the Jorasanko area. He has been booked under sections of theft and culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

CCTV footage has emerged that shows Firoz attending to a neighbour's car parked across the road from his.

Two men, one of them wearing a blue T-shirt, are seen loitering around Firoz's car. Sometime later, as Firoz moves a few steps away from his car, the one wearing the blue T-shirt sneaks into the driver's seat, while the other person walks away into a crowd.

Seconds later, the car is seen moving ahead before slowing down and veering right. A couple of seconds later, men and women on the road are seen rushing in the direction of the car.

The police said a search has been launched for Imroz's accomplice.

Finally, JU issues ragging showcase

SUBHANKAR CHOWDHURY

Calcutta: Jadavpur University on Tuesday issued show-cause letters to the students who have been found guilty of ragging a first-year undergraduate student by its anti-ragging committee.

JU registrar Snehamanju Basu said the students were given 15 days, starting Tuesday, to respond to the letter.

"The students have been asked to explain why the university won't punish them in keeping with the committee's recommendations," said a JU official. "The university would decide the quantum of punishment to be awarded after going through the responses."

The office of the dean of students will hand over the letters to the students through hostel superintendents.

Senior students allegedly threw the 17-year-old first-year student from the second-floor balcony of the main hostel on August 9, 2023. He died early on August 10.

The recommendations of the anti-ragging committee, which **Metro** has seen, say five residents of the main hostel who were allegedly at the scene of the crime "may be rusticated for four semesters and expelled from JU hostels permanently".

The committee has recommended that 25 hostel residents be rusticated from the university for one semester and expelled from hostels permanently as they were "directly associated with abetment to ragging".

The university has failed to act against the errant students in one whole year.

The university started issuing the show-cause letters two days after education minister Bratya Basu said he would speak to the authorities on why no action had yet been taken against those found responsible for ragging in the internal probe.

A JU official said the chairperson of an internal committee submitted all the documents related to the deposition of all hostel residents, including those implicated, to the VC on Monday.

JU constituted the internal committee on August 10, 2023, to probe the death of the student. The findings of the committee were then revisited by the university's anti-ragging squad in October last year.

The anti-ragging committee then prepared its recommendations based on the squad's observations.

The executive council, JU's highest decision-making body, had decided to issue the show-cause letters on July 5.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रॉची

अति अल्पकालीन ई–पर्ननिविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
PR 316798 REO(23-24)#D

पत्रांकः– दिनांकः–

अति अल्पकालीन ई–पुर्ननिविदा संख्याः–17/RE/2023-24/RWD /EE/RANCHI

क्रम सं0	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या/ पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि/ अवधि	टेण्डर कॉल नं0
1	RWD/RANCHI /29/ STPKG/14/ 2023-24	तेतरी से सहेरा तक पथ का सुदृढ़कीकरण कार्य। (ल0–1.950 कि0मी0) राईसाटोली तुंजु रोड ककड़ा से बालीकेट तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–2.625 कि0मी0) राँची–पुरूलिया रोड से लुपुंग तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–2.060कि0मी0) राँची–पुरूलिया रोड से खेरवाकोचा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–4.750 कि0मी0) अनगड़ा–हुण्डरू रोड से सिरका तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–2.000 कि0मी0) हुण्डरू रोड से जारातोली तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–2.000 कि0मी0) सहेदा–सिकिदीरी–हरातु पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–2.050 कि0मी0) जिंतुबेड़ा से रायछेद (रचेत) तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–3.525 कि0मी0) सहेदा–सिकिदीरी से मालघोशा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (ल0–1.100 कि0मी0)	12,36,78,000.00	बारह करोड़ छत्तीस लाख अठहत्तर हजार रूपये मात्र।	15 माह	तृतीय

1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथिः–02.08.2024
2. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समयः–10.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजेतक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः–12.08.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची।
5. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संः– 0651–2360137
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

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ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची

PR 331159 REO(24-25).D

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ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना।

ई0–निविदा संख्याः–***06/2024-25/RWD/EE/CHAIBASA*** दिनांक : 29.07.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू0 में)		कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	***RWD/ CBSA/ STPKG/ 04/2024-25***	1. पुरनियाँ से संजय नदी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–3.000कि0मी) 2. आर0ई0ओ0 मुख्य सड़क बासाकुटी से बड़ा लगिया से अयोध्या गाँव तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–7.400कि0मी) 3. एन0एच0–75 खूंटपानी से पुरनीया गांव तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–6.500 कि0मी) 4. L028 बड़ाचिरू से उनचुड़ी तक पथ का चुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–4.000कि0मी) 5. L021 बादिया से काद्याचलन तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–3.500कि0मी)	143491200	चौदह करोड़ चौंतीस लाख इक्यानवे हजार दो सौ रू0 मात्र।	15 (पन्द्रह) माह
2	***RWD/ CBSA/ STPKG/ 05/2024-25***	1. कुआपाड़ा से गोरियाडुबा भाया मध्य विद्यालय गुमुरिया, मासाबिला तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–10.910कि0मी) 2. गोरियाडुबा से बेलपोसी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–3.970कि0मी) 3. लक्खीपाई से करजिया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–3.300कि0मी) 4. दामोदरपुर पी0डब्लू0डी0 पथ से पाताडातु भाया सपरमगुटू तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (ल0–5.650कि0मी)	145422800	चौदह करोड़ चौवन लाख बाईस हजार आत सौ रू0 मात्र।	15 (पन्द्रह) माह

1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– **10.08.2024**
2. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– **20.08.2024** अपराह्न **05:00** बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– **21.08..2024** अपराह्न **05:00** बजे।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि jharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से On-Line Mode से स्वीकार की जायेगी।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा, राजस्थान भवन के समीप, टुंगरी रोड चाईबासा– **833201**
6. ई निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संः– **06582–359406**
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
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कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।

PR 331180 (West Singhbhum) 24-25 (D)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा

मुख्यमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना
ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा संख्या – 02/2024-25/RWD/GARHWAदिनांक – 27.07.2024

1. कार्य का विवरण :–

क्र0	प्रखण्ड	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या/ पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि अंक में (लाख में)	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	डण्डा	RWD/GARHWA/ 04/2024-25	मोतीहारी बाजार चौक से कोयल नदी पुल तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (1.600 कि0मी0)	215.864	दो करोड़ पन्द्रह लाख छियासी हजार चार सौ रूपये।	12 (बारह) महीना
2	डण्डा	RWD/GARHWA/ 05/2024-25	डण्डा में स्व0 शिवशंकर साव के घर से खदिया हरिजन टोला भाया जोगिया भंडारी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2.060 कि0मी0)	260.001	दो करोड़ साठ लाख एक सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
3	डण्डा	RWD/GARHWA/ 06/2024-25	भिखही मुख्य पथ से कोरियाडीह बस्ती तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (1.600 कि0मी0)	190.041	एक करोड़ नब्बे लाख चार हजार एक सौ रूपये।	12 (बारह) महीना
4	चिनियाँ	RWD/GARHWA/ 07/2024-25	नकसीली से परसुखंड मुख्य पथ तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2.400 कि0मी0)	274.458	दो करोड़ चौहत्तर लाख पैंतालीस हजार आठ सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
5	रमकण्डा	RWD/GARHWA/ 08/2024-25	रक्सी देवी मण्डप से बुलवा सीवान तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2.800 कि0मी0)	308.694	तीन करोड़ आठ लाख उनहत्तर हजार चार सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
6	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHWA/ 09/2024-25	ग्राम–गांगीखुर्द में गिरिवर पाण्डेय के घर से बसंत तिवारी के घर तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (1.200 कि0मी0)	114.938	एक करोड़ चौदह लाख तिरानबे हजार आठ सौ रूपये।	09 (नौ) महीना
7	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHWA/ 10/2024-25	एन0एच0–75 चेतना से मस्जिद होते हुए उड़सुगी रेलवे फाटक तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2.670 कि0मी0)	262.191	दो करोड़ बासठ लाख उन्नीस हजार एक सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
8	मेराल	RWD/GARHWA/ 11/2024-25	गढ़वा–मझिऔंव–लिखनियाँ पी0डब्ल्यु0डी0 पथ सिगुल चौधरी के घर से औरईया ग्राम के लिखनियाँ टोला तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2.900 कि0मी0)	325.514	तीन करोड़ पच्चीस लाख एकावन हजार चार सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
9	रंका	RWD/GARHWA/ 12/2024-25	एन0एच0–343 से झुमेलवा होते हुए इसराफिल अंसारी के घर एन0एच0–343 तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (4.300 कि0मी0)	260.001	दो करोड़ साठ लाख एक सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना

2. वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– 05.08.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 16.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 18.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रा0का0वि0 कार्य प्रमंडल, गढ़वा।
6. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संः 06561–299963
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenderers.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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1	57/PR/JBVNL/2024-25 Super Enamelled Aluminium Winding Wire	Rs 10000/- + GST	02/08/2024 from 13:00 Hrs.	02/08/2024 from 13:10 Hrs.	02/08/2024 from 13:20 Hrs.	23/08/2024 upto 18:00 Hrs.	26/08/2024 at 18: 00 Hrs.

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(ii) Tender fee & EMD must be paid through online mode.
(iii) Tender fee is non-refundable.

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General Manager (S&P)

PR 331236 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd (24-25)_D

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ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो।

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/BOKARO/20/2024-25

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणीः

क्र०सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	बोकारो जिला अंतर्गत पेटरवार प्रखण्ड के खेतको पंचायत अंतर्गत ग्राम खेतको में मदरसा से दोतुहान होते हुए पारटांड तक पी०सी०सी० पथ एवं ढक्कन सहित नाली का निर्माण।	15228500.00	305000.00	10000.00	06 माह
2	बोकारो जिला जरीडीह प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत पंचायत जैना में बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा (मस्जिद) के पास से जे०एन०एस० इंटर कॉलेज तक आर०सी०सी० नाले का निर्माण।	14068900.00	281500.00	10000.00	06 माह
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3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 06.08.2024 से दिनांक 13.08.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 16.08.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो।
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एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धूर्वा, राँची –834004, झारखण्ड

अल्पकालीन ई–पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (4th Call)
PR No.-318141 Dated : 07.02.2024
अल्पकालीन ई–पुनर्निविदा संख्या:-35 /2024-25 दिनांक :-26.07.24

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		कुंडहित	4	जलालपुर मोड़ मुख्य सड़क से जलालपुर, पाटनपुर, गढ़सिमला तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं० – 2.300 कि०मी०)			
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN
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(2nd CALL)

System Tender No. 156626/NIT No.: 02/SAC/2024-25, Chhuikhadan, Dated: 29.07.2024

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 16.08.2024 at 17.30 Hour.

Name of work : **CONSTRUCTION OF CLOSE TROUGH AT BANBODE VILLAGE TANK RD 11370 M TO 11570 M, 01 NO. AQUADUCT RD 11730 M, INLET RD 13650 M, INLET RD 13980 M, VRB RD 14400 M, INLET RD 14730 M, INLET RD 14910 M AND BANK PROTECTION AT AQUADUCT RD 9735 M OF RUSE FEEDER CANAL IN BLOCK – KHAIRAGARH OF DISTRICT – KHAIRAGARH-CHHUIKHADAN-GANDAI.**

Probable Amount of Contract:- **Rs. 223.30 Lakhs**
(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 01.08.2014))

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For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin
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CORRIGENDUM NO- I

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of follcwing SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Extended due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0613/0724 [RFX.No.70000032037] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 11kV,22kV & 33kV - 525 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.2] at various EHV substations under Pune Zone in MSETCL,	16.08.2024 16.08.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 17:15 Hrs.
CORRIGENDUM NO.1 Dt.15.07.2024	**Corrigendum / Clarifications regarding Commercial / Technical Queries of the Tender is published as Annexure-A on SRM Portal viz https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/ and MSETCL Portal viz. https://www.mahatransco.in/ The Due Date of Submission is extended upto 16.08.2024 (17:00 Hrs). Bidders are requested to refer the same and submit their Bids accordingly**

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.V)
Tel. No. : 022- 69852717/69852711/08329909813
Email: eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp6@mahatransco.in.
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shila Chakraborty, D/o Late Ganga Charan Howlader, residing at 90C/2, Dr. Grindra Sekhar Bose Road, Kol-39 (WB), P.S.-Kasba, my self Shila Chakraborty and Shila Chakraborty Howlader are same and identical person vide affidavit no. 34091, dt. 07/06/2024 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Courte, Kolkata.
AG76AGG76 00053984

I Anup Kumar Kandoi S/o Late Labh Chand Kandoi, residing at 12, B.K. Lane, P.O- Sheoraphuli, P.S- Serampore, District-Hooghly, Pin-712223, West Bengal, shall henceforth be known as Anup Kandoi as declared before the Notary Public Serampore Court, Hooghly vide Affidavit No. 129 dated 23 Jul 2024. Anup Kumar Kandoi and Anup Kandoi are same and identical person.
DR15007DRR15007 00053943

I, Sabita Mondal wife of Pranab Samadder of 138/1, Ramkrishna Nagar,PO- Thakurpukur P.S. Haridevpur, Kolkata-63 changed my name from Sabita Mondal Samadder & Sabita Mondal Samaddar & Sabita Samaddar to Sabita Mondal. All the names are same & one identical Lady by Affidavit No.1304 at Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate (1st class) at Kolkata on 9.7.2024.
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OBITUARY

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BORN: 25-02-1975
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APARAJITA CHATTERJEE [JHUMJHUM]
PRINCIPAL: NARAYANA SCHOOL - FULBARI, JALPAIGURI
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You will forever be immortalized in our hearts as a good person, a perfect wife and a loving mother. Your fight till the moment of last exhale gave us courage and feel us proud of yourself. Stay well wherever you are, waiting for your return. - Sumit (Husband), Asmeeta (Daughter) and all close ones.
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CM helps end film shooting impasse

DEBRAJ MITRA

Calcutta: The impasse that crippled studios in Tollygunge for four days ended on Tuesday with a resolution that shooting will resume from Wednesday and an assertion that the federation of technicians did not have the authority to impose a ban on anyone.

The resolution followed an intervention by chief minister Mamata Banerjee.

Actors Prosenjit Chatterjee and Dev, also the Trinamool Congress MP from Ghatal, and filmmaker Goutam Ghose, met her at the state secretariat on Tuesday accompanied by minister Aroop Biswas.

After that meeting, directors and actors held another meeting at Technicians' Studio in Tollygunge. After it ended late in the evening, some of the leading names in the Bengali entertainment industry came out and addressed a news conference.

Filmmaker Ghose read out what he said were the minutes of the meeting:

- Going forward, the federation (Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of Eastern India) cannot ban or non-cooperate with anyone
- There will be a review committee chaired by Goutam Ghose and having Prosenjit Chatterjee, Dev, Indranil Sen and Aroop Biswas as initial members and representation from all guilds.
- All standard operating practices and areas of jurisdiction in film, TV, OTT, diploma film, independent films, ad films like double payment, minimum (number of) technicians etc shall be scrutinised, revised and amended. They will give their report and the changes have to be implemented by November
- Rahool Mukherjee will be the director of SVF's pujo release
- Shooting will commence from Wednesday. Rahool will resume shooting after seven days

Mukherjee was banned for three months for allegedly violating norms by shooting an OTT film in Bangladesh without intimating the federation and using technicians in Dhaka.

The directors' guild, which is also part of the federation along with 25 other guilds, revoked the ban. But the federation dug its heels and boycotted Mukherjee, prompting a cease-work call by the directors.

At the root of the impasse was the debate over whether a union of cinema technicians and workers had the authority to impose an embargo on a filmmaker.

"Suspension, ban and non-cooperation will no longer be effective. The rules that had been causing problems for so long will now be scrutinised by professional people who understand films," filmmaker Kaushik Ganguly said after the Tollygunge meeting.

He was flanked by Prosenjit, Dev and filmmaker Srijit Mukherjee, among others.

'They killed my wife and asked me to get a doctor'

MONALISA CHAUDHURI

Calcutta: The father of the 14-year-old girl who has been accused of killing her mother is said to have told police he was forced to sit on a sofa for around three hours while his wife's lifeless body lay on the bed in an adjoining room after the girl and her 17-year-old friend allegedly killed her.

The boy left the house on the southern fringes of the city at the break of dawn and the father was asked to fetch a doctor an hour later to declare the woman's death as "normal", he is said to have told the police.

The police said the man in his 50s went to the local police station on July 29 and said his wife, who died three weeks ago, had been killed by their daughter and her friend.

According to the father's statement, he was forced to stay out when his daughter's friend was smothering his wife and then threatened to kill him if he dared to raise his voice.

"He said he was made to sit in the next room for a few hours till he was asked to fetch a doctor. He said he was traumatised and extremely scared," said a police investigator.

The police said they had examined the doctor who had declared the woman dead on June 6 and gave a death certificate that mentioned she had a heart failure.

"The doctor said the woman was lying on the bed with no signs of violence in the room. The husband had told him that she was sleeping next to him when suddenly she fell ill and that she had a history of ailments. The family made it look like a normal death and the doctor gave the death certificate in good faith, he has said," another police officer said.

The teenage boy and girl have been sent to government homes after being produced before the Juvenile Justice Board on Tuesday.

Jesuit education: Pathway to change

REV. FR. DR. DOMINIC SAVIO SJ

Father Dominic Savio

When God calls you for his service, He has His way and time and plan for calling. And even if he who is called, does not listen, because he is committed to his service, God's call prevails.

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He was deeply touched by the stories he read. The transformation of his life had begun. God had given the call and Ignatius was ready to listen.

At the University of Paris in the College of St Barbara, where he studied, God gave him six passionately committed companions, one of whom was Francis Xavier. He motivated these companions to love and serve God without stint.

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(The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola is celebrated on July 31.)

Rev. Fr. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ is the principal of St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

KMC starts dismantling 'illegal' pub

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has started pulling down the "illegal structure" on a terrace in the Park Street-Camac Street junction that was destroyed in a fire last month.

Civic officials said the construction on the terrace was illegal and the civic body had given permission to build only the ground floor and first floors of the building. The demolition began on Monday.

The ground floor of the building has the restaurant 1000 BC Once Upon a Plate. It is still in operation. A cafe on the first floor and the restopub on the terrace are closed.

"We are pulling it down for two reasons. One, it is an illegal structure. Two, the structure has turned unstable after the fire," an official of KMC's building department said on Tuesday.

Although the demolition job began on Monday there was no way to tell from the road in front. The terrace had been built like a large container and was closed from all sides.

Rajdeep Chakraborty, son of Salt Lake's mayor Krishna Chakraborty, used to run the terrace pub and the cafe till March this year when he sold his company. Rajdeep has been running the restopub since 2016.

The first floor and the terrace had The Drunch, a cafe, and Whats in D Name, a pub. Rajdeep said he was one of the owners of the two brands.

Rajdeep on Tuesday said he "had all the permissions from the authorities that were needed to run a resto-pub."

Krishna Chakraborty, mayor of the Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, told **Metro** on Tuesday evening: "My son had rented the space and he sold the company that ran it. If it was an illegal structure, how would a tenant know that? The owner is responsible if a structure is illegal. Whatever is right as per law will happen".

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD-Corrigendum-I/25 -2024-25

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Extended due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0616/0724 [RFX.No.7000032040] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 11kV, 22kV& 33kV—305 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.4] at varicus EHV substations under Pune zone.	08.08.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. 08.08.2024 at 17:15 Hrs.
CORRIGENDUM NO.1 Dt.29.07.2024	**Corrigendum / Clarifications regarding Commercial/Technical Queries of the Tender is published as Annexure-A on SRM Portal viz. https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/ and MSETCL Portal viz. https://www.mahatransco.in/ The Due Date of Submission is extended upto 08.08.2024 (17:00 Hrs). Bidders are requested to refer the same and submit their Bids accordingly**

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.VI)
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Email: eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp6@mahatransco.in.
For further details visit our website **http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in**
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह

ई– अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना सं०–RDD/SD/GIRIDIH/08/2024-25
1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	गिरिडीह जिला के गिरिडीह सदर प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत शास्त्री नगर से बलदियार छत घाट एवं नंदन नगर(सिहोडीह) के बीच उसरी नदी पर पुल निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई–135.52 मीटर)	60936100.00	1219000.00	10000.00	24 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 31.07.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 31.07.2024 से दिनांक 08.08.2024 को अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –10.08.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431323435 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)।
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,
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PR 331040 (Rural Development)24-25*D

PROFORMA-1
GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORK DIVISION, YAVATMAL
E-mail: yavatmal.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

E-Tender Notice No. 13 Year 2024-2025

Government of Maharashtra Public Works Department through Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Yavatmal inviting online E-Tender in B-1 Form from Registered/Non Registered Contractor/Company. Download Tender Document from Government Website http://mahatenders.gov. Right of accept or reject tender is reserved by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Yavatmal. Conditional Tender is not accepted.

E-Tender Work No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)
1	2	3
1	Construction of new administrative building of office of superintendent state excise Yavatmal	1300.00
2	Proposed Development Of Mandev Mandir Premises Mauza Mandir Tq. Dist. Yavatmal	1000.00
3	Construction of Sub-Registrar Office Building at Babhulgaon Dist. Yavatmal	171.00
4	Construction of Football ground at Chichghat Tq. & Dist. Yavatmal	120.00
5	Improvement of Karalgaon Sukali Panchgavan Madani Road ODR-41 in Km 0/00 To 2/500 Tq. Babhulgaon Dist. Yavatmal	120.00
6	Extension and concerning works to library building at tahshil chowk Yavatmal	83.00
7	Extension and concerning works at office of deputy commissioner, animal husbandry, Yavatmal	42.00

Note:-

1 Bidder has to refer online Schedule Published on e-tendering details of PWD of Government of Maharashtra i.e. **http://mahatenders.gov.in** before downloading tender documents and to participate on e-tendering.
2 Post Qualification Criteria is applicable.
3 For any other query regarding online enrolment on the above mentioned website and digital certificate, please contact 0120-4001 002, 0120-4200 462, 0120-4001 005, 0120-6277 787.
4 Other details can be seen in the bidding document. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
5 The Electronic tendering system for Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra will be available on separate Sub Portal with URL **http://mahatenders.gov.in** as part of the Electronic Tendering System of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal **http://mahatenders.gov.in**

Out. No. 4177/T.C./Dt. 26.07.2024
Office of the Executive Engineer
Pubic Works Division, Yavatmal
ROC/2024-25/NO-5/C1381

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Public Works Division, Yavatmal

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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Public Works Division No. 2, Nagpur

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 07 / 2024-2025

Online E-tenders in **'B-1' Forms** are invited by **Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 2, "Bandhkam Sankul" Civil Lines, Nagpur** for the following works from the registered contractor who satisfy the qualifying criteria. The tender documents should be downloaded from the Government Website https://mahatenders.gov.in The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders. Conditional tenders will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rupees in Lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Construction of Minor Bridge Parsodi Waranga Wakeshwar road Buttibori Rengepar in 6/400 Km. on MDR-127 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 100.00 Lakh
2	Improvement of Parsodi Waranga Wakeshwar road Buttibori Rengapar in Km. 3/500 to 5/00 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
3	Construction of Minor Bridge on Indraprasth Nagar Pipla Nallah in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur (VR-136)	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
4	Construction of approach road Kapsi village (VR-122) Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
5	Construction of approach road to Baradwari village (VR-122) in Tahasil Nagpur (Gramin) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 300.00 Lakh
6	Construction of approach road to Gargoti (MDR-9) to Dighari Naka to Kharbi Raut Nagar to Tarodi (Khur) Bidgaon NH-6 Navin Nagar Kapsi Pawangaon Ghorpad road to SH-345 (MDR-135) Tahasil Nagpur (Gramin) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 300.00 Lakh
7	Improvement to Narsala approch road (MDR-133) in Tahasil Nagpur (Gramin) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 300.00 Lakh
8	Construction of Cement Concrete drain with paving blocks on both sides of Dahegaon Khadgaon Lawa Wadi Besa Pipla Narsala Dighori Kharbi Bahadura Road MDR 42 in Nagpur (Rural) Taluk. (Garib Nawaj Chowk to Bahadura gram panchyat.) Km. 38/0 to 39/0 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
9	Construction of Road Small Tarodi Bahadura Sai Nagar Sadguru Lawn Pendharkar College Durga Nagar to Vihirgaon and connecting to SH-9 road VR-243 (Bahadura Gram Panchayat to Sarvodaya College) in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
10	Improvement to (SH-340) to Besa Power House Narsala Adyali Kalamna (MDR-133) Km. 2/200 to 4/200 in Tahasil Nagpur (Gramin) Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
11	Construction of Minor bridge on on Pipla Paloti School road in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur (VR-118)	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
12	Construction of Minor bridge on on Pipla Athrav Nagari to Ensara City Join road in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) Distt. Nagpur (VR-121)	Rs. 500.00 Lakh
13	Construction of Cement Concrete drain paving block and two way Gargoti MDR-9 to Dighori (Naka) to Kharbi (Raut Nagar Marg) to Jijamata Nagar to Tarodi (Khurd) Bidgaon R.M.M. No. 6 Navin Nagar Kapsi Pawangaon Ghorpad road to S.H. (MDR-135) road connecting to SH-345 (Km. 3/00 to 4/800)	Rs. 700.00 Lakh
14	Construction of Yenwa to Harijan Wasti road (VR-138) in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 100.00 Lakh
15	Construction of Dhawalapur to Kukadi Panjra road (VR-261) in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 100.00 Lakh
16	Construction of Yerla Gangaldon Belona road (VR-117) in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
17	Construction Panjra Kate Vasant Nagar road (VR-76) in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
18	Construction Zilpa to Gondikhapa road (VR-253) in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
19	S.T.B.T. to from Mohgaon Bhadade Gondi Mohgaon Zipla Maskhara Lakholi Ajangaon Dhotiwada Gaurala (MDR-7) Km. 37/00 to 45/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
20	Improvement of from (MDR-3) to Pandhardhakni Mohgaon (J.) Bhorgad Kolu Chikhalagad Murti Chandanpardi Khapari Dhamangaon Khairy to join (MDR-7) road (MDR-56) Km. 22/600 to 29/800 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
21	Improvement of from (SH-352) to Ladgaon Kedarpur Ahmadnagar Junapani to (NH-6) Jamgad Khairy road (MDR-58) Km. 7/00 to 14/00 In Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
22	Improvement of Katol Pathar Border Malegaon Chankapur to Ramgiri road (MDR-67) Km. 14/600 to 18/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
23	Improvement to (SH-283) to Khutamba Subkund Nandora to join (NH-6) road (MDR-55) in Km. 0/000 to 6/600 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 300.00 Lakh
24	Improvement of Katol Pathar Bordoh Malegaon Chankapur to Ramgiri road (MDR-67) Km. 5/200 to 11/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 310.00 Lakh
25	Improvement of from (MDR-3) to Pandhardhakni Mohgaon (J) Bhorgad Kolu Chikhalagad Murti Chandanpardi Khapari Dhamangaon Khairy to join (MDR-7) road (MDR-56) Km. 0/00 to 7/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
26	Improvement to Belona to Gaimukh road (VR-13) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 80.00 Lakh
27	Improvement to Mohgaon (Dhole) to Loharisawanga road (VR-264) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 100.00 Lakh
28	Improvement to Yerla to Belona road (VR-117) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
29	Improvement to Bamani Mohadi (Dalvi) Karwar to M.P. State Border road (VR-21) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
30	Improvrnent to Sawargaon to Tapani road (VR-40) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 150.00 Lakh
31	Improvement to NH-353 (J.) to Bel Bhishnoor Tinkheda Kharsoli Narkhed Mohadi to State Border road (MDR-2) Km. 10/00 to 15/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
32	Improvement to Bhishnoor Sawargaon Pipla Nandagomukh Umari Kelwad to join (SH-332) road (MDR-4) in Km. 5/000 to 16/00 Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
33	Improvement to Mowad Yerla Kharsoli Junona Thugaon Nipani Wadegaon Mohadi Mogra (Km. 0/00 to 13/00) (MDR-71) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur.	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
34	Improvement from (MDR-4) to Ambola Yenikoni Ambada Nanda Masora Sawargaon to join (SH-324) road (MDR-73) in Km.00/00 to 5/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
35	Improvement to Katol Yerla Masali Bhishnoor road (MDR-66) in Km. 12/00 to 15/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
36	Widening on both side and Strengthening of Narkhed to Mohdi (Dalvi) to Madya Pradesh Boundry (MDR-2) Km. 19/00 to 25/600 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur.	Rs. 200.00 Lakh
37	Improvement to District Border to Peth Ismailpur Wadvihira Mendhala Ramthi Arambhi Kharala Loharisawanga to join SH-323 road (MDR-72) in Km.4/00 to 20/500 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur.	Rs. 400.00 Lakh
38	Improvement to District Border to Peth Ismailpur Wadvihira Menchala Ramthi Arambhi Kharala Loharisawanga to join (SH-323) road (MDR-72) in Km. 0/00 to 20/500 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur.	Rs. 750.00 Lakh
39	Construction of internal road in premises of Taluka Bij Guran Prakshetra, Narkhed in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 110.00 Lakh
40	One year maintenance and repairs Daheli Pohi Rama Sonegaon Mahar Wathoda to (SH-07) to Sonegaon Mohagaon Mangali Dudhala Dhawalpeth to Taluka Border road (MDR-48) Km. 0/00 to 31/00 in Tahasil and Distt. Nagpur (Rural)	Rs. 57.00 Lakh
41	One year maintenance and repairs (NH-47) to Sawali Jatamkhora Kelwad Khairy Dhalgaon road (MDR-08) Km. 0/00 to 27/00 in Tahasil Saoner Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 51.00 Lakh
42	One year maintenance and repairs Bhondetal Surewani Maharkund Khubala Umari Jambhalapani to (MDR-09) to Bawangaon Kocchi Badegaon Kharduka Tembhurdoh Raiwadi Chorkhairy to (MDR-09) from (MDR-93) Km.0/00 to 22/00 in Tahasil Saoner Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 57.00 Lakh
43	One year maintenance and repairs Bhondetal Surewani Maharkund Khubala Umari Jambhalapani to (MDR-09) to Bawangaon Kocchi Badegaon Kharduka Tembhurdoh Raiwadi Chorkhairy to (MDR-09) from (MDR-93) Km. 22/00 to 47/00 in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs. 75.00 Lakh
44	One year maintenance and repairs Sawali (MDR-8) to Jalalkheda Narsala Bhojapur Pohana to (SH-336) to Parsodi Khangaon Sherdi Khedi Kodegaon Tighai Gumgaon Wakodi Waki (NH-69) to joined Patansawangi road (MDR-96) Km. 0/00 to 20/00 in Tahasil Saoner Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 51.00 Lakh
45	One year maintenance and repairs MDR-56 Nagpur MDR-3 to Pandhardhakni Mogaon (Jungli) Bhorghad Kolu Chikhalagad Murti Chardanpardi Khapri Dhamangaon Khairy Chikhali Masod to MDR-07 Km. 0/00 to 35/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 68.00 Lakh
46	Two year maintenance and repairs (MDR-02) from Bhishnoor Sawargaon Pipla Nandagorhukh Uman Kelwad to SH-336 to joined (MDR-04) Km. 0/00 to 28/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 59.00 Lakh
47	Two year maintenance and repairs District Border to Ismailpur Wadwihira Mendhala Wadhona Ramthi Aarabhi Kharala Loharisawanga to (SH-323) to joined road (MDR-72) Km. 0/00 to 22/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt. Nagpur	Rs. 64.00 Lakh

१	ई-निविदा उपलब्ध कालावधी	**As per e-tender schedule uploaded on e-portal**
२	निविदापूर्व बैठक	**As per e-tender schedule uploaded on e-portal**
३	ई-निविदा उघडणे	ऑनलाइन नमूद केलेले वेळापत्रक लागू व अंतिम राहील

All information of e-tendering is available on the following website / Notice Board.

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1. **https://mahatenders.gov.in** 2. **https://mahapwd.com**
(If there is any changes in the notice, then the information will be communicated on the above website)
3. Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 2, Nagpur Office Notice Board.
4. For any correspondence contact Above mention e-mail & Telephone No.

Notice:-

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Outward No. 4884/Tender/2024/Dt. 26.07.2024

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ROADS CLOSED

It is a sad state of affairs in the academia when a student has to apologise for his research proposal. That is what happened in the South Asian University, which is a joint venture of eight countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The proposal seemed to be suited to acute regional concerns as it sought to study Kashmir's ethnography and politics. Perhaps the turning point was the student's uploading of a video interview with Noam Chomsky, who criticised Narendra Modi's government for attempting to dismantle India's secular democracy and establish a 'Hindu technocracy'. It is ironic that the student was given a show-cause notice, after which he apologised and took down the video: that reinforced the Mr Chomsky's point. Kashmir, in any case, is not a popular subject. The government discourages critical research on socio-cultural, religious and economic issues; perhaps it finds criticism and independent thinking unacceptable? But political leaders cannot decide what researchers should think about. The student's PhD proposal was regarded as 'anti-national' by the university authorities, although his research supervisory committee of three faculty members, including his own supervisor, had passed it. An academic project was politicised by the university.

The SAU is not a purely Indian institution. Yet there seems to be no wider horizon or supervision that might have prevented the sabotage of an academic project. The supervisor resigned after a disciplinary inquiry was instituted against him. His achievements here and abroad should have made him a valuable asset to the university. Yet that was overlooked in following the government's supposedly unspoken wishes. It is not education but compliance that seems to be preoccupying many institutions now. But what are academics doing to preserve their space? The department or the teachers of all departments could have resisted this muffling of research and their colleague's departure. United and unyielding resistance with an insistence on the freedom of research topics is needed to bring an end to politically motivated interventions in higher study. The government scholarship for the overseas study of students from underprivileged families no longer allows research on India's history, society and culture. This narrows the field of study drastically, yet protests against this have not been visible. If the education system is gradually losing its feet, then the academic space must be fought for to be retrieved.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Amid Israel's devastating war in Gaza, 14 Palestinian political factions, led by Fatah and Hamas, signed a landmark unity deal in Beijing last week that could strengthen the prospects of a future Palestinian State. Fatah controls the Palestinian Authority, the internationally-recognised government body that is in charge of civil matters in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, is the chairman of Fatah. Hamas, on the other hand, has been in power in Gaza. The two groups have long seen each other as rivals for Palestinian leadership and engaged in violent clashes in 2006 and 2007. But the current war appears to have forced reconciliation. More than 39,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza over the past nine months. In the shadow of the war, Israeli settlers have also unleashed a wave of violence in the West Bank where Israel has grabbed more land already in 2024 than in the past 20 years combined. If the new deal stands, it will allow Palestine's leaders across Gaza and the West Bank to present a unified front before the international community, especially when it comes to the terms of a potential ceasefire and what a post-war Palestine could look like. With the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and members of his cabinet making clear that they oppose a two-State solution, this is an existential moment for the dreams of a sovereign Palestinian State.

Maintaining that united front will not be easy. The PA and Mr Abbas enjoy broad international legitimacy. Fatah gave up armed resistance three decades ago. Hamas and its leaders, on the other hand, are formally treated as terrorists by the United States of America, the European Union and the United Kingdom. The current war was triggered by the horrific Hamas attack on Israel on October 7. Then there is the China factor. By brokering the unity deal, Beijing is showing its growing heft as a mediator. Yet, it is unclear whether the US and its Western allies will back a pact that has China's stamp on it. They hold influence over the PA too: their funding helps run the West Bank's civil administration. The West and China could turn the conflict into a proxy battle for their bigger rivalry. Or they could see the unity deal as a stepping stone towards a ceasefire, peace and the two-State solution they all claim to endorse. The choice is theirs to make.

SCRIPSI

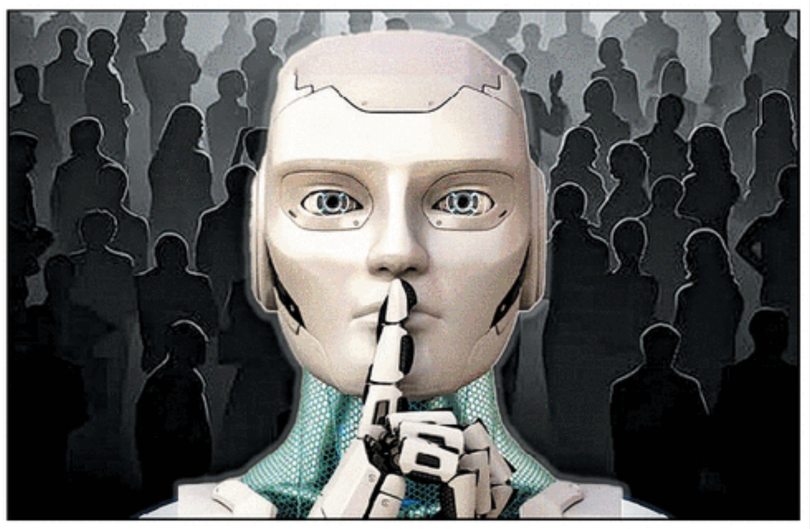
'Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.'

GEORGE ELIOT

AI is also the product of an invisible labour force

Spectral proletariat

UDDALAK MUKHERJEE



In early July, a 'civil servant' committed suicide in South Korea. The remains were discovered at the bottom of a stairwell at the Gumi City Council. There was speculation that a punishing work schedule, a common phenomenon in East Asian economies, may have led to the 'official' taking this extreme step.

South Korea has a significant — troubling — suicide rate among advanced economies. So, under ordinary circumstances, the news of yet another suicide should not have raised eyebrows. But it did — because the civil servant in question was not supposed to be a sentient being. It was a robot made by a California-based robot-waiter company that had been pressed into service. (South Korea, according to the International Federation of Robotics, employs one industrial robot for every 10 human employees.) What is remarkable is that 'Robot Supervisor' — it went by this nickname — much like its human counterparts, could sense that it was under stress. Some of the Council's staff have gone on record to suggest that the industrial robot had been spotted behaving oddly — it kept circling at one spot — before it decided to snuff out the 'life' it possessed.

The conjecture about the robot's perceived sentience, if it is true, would not be the stuff of fiction. In fact, the director of robotics and Artificial Intelligence at the Alan Turing Institute, who is also a chair professor of robotics at the University of Edinburgh, is of the firm opinion that robots would be capable of taking informed decisions within a decade which, when it does happen, would be a clear hallmark of their autonomy and individual agency. This imminent future will have tantalising — indeed revolutionary — implications for such diverse human realms as law, labour, philosophy, to name a few. It is possible that law and labour would then have to reflect on issues like the rights and the entitlements of machine co-workers. It is not inconceivable that the minders of law and labour rights would wrestle with ethical and also practical dilemmas about whether there should be specific work hours mandated for machines so as to prevent not just industrial robots but also digital appliances, including our round-the-clock working smartphones, from sharing the sorry fate of Mr Robot Supervisor.

Public and policy discourses, it can be argued, are disproportionately focused on — enchanted with? — the evolving agency of mankind's mechanical peers. So much so that the question regarding the lack of agency of a crucial segment of workers in the long and diverse supply chain that is involved in the creation of AI entities is disappearing through the cracks in our conscience. Given their invisibility to the public eye and their remoteness from corporate welfare policy, it would be apt to describe these workers integral to the emerging AI-centred production economy as the proverbial spirits — the ghosts in the AI machine. Most of them — underprivileged women, students, professionals and so on — are tasked with petty responsibilities that include labelling images for machine learning models, helping voice assistants comprehend reality by transcribing audio clips, red-flagging content laced with violence or misinformation on social media platforms and such like. *Code Dependent*, Madhumita Murgia's excellent investigative book, which offers disturbing snippets of the lives that are shaping and, in turn, being shaped by AI, should stand tall among the literary and research projects examining the plight of AI's invisible workers.

The Guardian's review of *Code Dependent* got it right when it said that this is a "story of how the AI systems built using… data benefit many of us… at the expense of some — usually individuals and communities that are already marginalised". The global communities that Murgia retrieves from the peripheries to the centre range from "[d]isplaced Syrian doctors train[ing] medical software…" to help "diagnose prostate cancer in Britain", "[o]ut-of-work college graduates in recession-hit Venezuela" who tailor products for e-commerce sites as well as — not many would know this — "[i]mpoverished women in [Calcutta's] Metiabruz" who label voice clips for Amazon's Echo speaker.

Code Dependent's author along with her peers, "researchers… mostly women of colour from outside the English-speaking West" (Mexico's Paola Ricaurte, the Ethiopian researcher, Abeba Birhane, India's Urvashi Aneja, and Milagros Miceli and Paz Peña from Latin America, among others), dismantle some of the fundamental myths that the echo chambers — social media, transnational corporations, techno-industrial behemoths, the media — complicit in varnishing AI's credentials are propagating diligently. For instance, there is the claim of AI's growing autonomous capacities rivalling human endeavour. But Murgia writes about "a badly kept secret about so-called artificial intelligence systems — that the technology does not 'learn' independently, and it needs humans, millions of them, to power it. Data workers are the invaluable human links in the global AI supply chain." Then, there is the assertion of AI's apparent potential to create innumerable new jobs. The World Economic Forum's *Future of Jobs* report estimated that while 85 million jobs may be displaced by automation by 2025, 97 million new roles would emerge. But what needs to be questioned — interrogated — is the nature of these new jobs. Would they be as non-remunerative with punishing schedules as the ones that employ most of AI's invisible army, especially the ones who occupy the lower tiers of the supply chain? To cite just one example, Murgia writes that at one outsourced facility in Kenya, workers were reportedly paid about $2.20 (£1.80) per hour for hours of work that involved sifting through imagery of human sacrifice, beheadings, hate speech and child abuse.

There is also an entire set of ethical quandaries that cannot go unaddressed in this context. Murgia's digging into the maze-like cosmos of low-end labour that is critical to the generation of AI products reveals the globalised dimensions of this sweatshop workforce. Its vast scale is not an accident: it is intended to be global by design. A dispersed, anonymous, disaggregated workforce is necessary for the neutering of its agency and awareness of rights. *Code Dependent* chronicles the voices of many a disgruntled, disillusioned worker in the AI chain: some of these voices have also been silenced.

The redemption of AI's very own gig economy workers, Murgia argues, lies in the calibration of their collective agency. In fact, AI, the fruit of such impoverished labour, could play a redeeming role here. It has been argued that there is potential for the technology to be deployed to identify workers left alienated — disempowered — by the work process so that steps can be taken by the authorities to redress the problem.

If AI can emancipate at least some of its oppressed creators — the ghosts that make the machine — the technology would be deemed not human, like that robot in South Korea, but humane.

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The death of a principle

SAIKAT MAJUMDAR

"Kneeling beside her, poised over her body, I am massaging her neck... I learned the technique from a fellow prisoner of war... And suddenly I'm terror-stricken: her eyes have glazed over... and a tiny portion of her tongue is visible, strange and calm, between her lips and her teeth... I stand up and I cry out, 'I've strangled Helene'."

These are lines from the posthumous memoir of the French philosopher, Louis Althusser. Althusser killed his wife: that murder, committed in a fit of depression, gave him a life in clinics for the rest of his years rather than incarceration. But the fact remains that he had strangled his wife, the sociologist and activist, Hélène Rytmann-Légotien. It is also a fact that his works of political philosophy offer some of the most trenchant insights into power and control in the modern State and the free market.

I regularly use, cite, and teach the writings of Althusser, particularly his canonical essay on the ideological forces at work in the family, church, and educational institutions. So do hundreds of writers, thinkers, and academics around the world. None of them is possibly ignorant of the fact that he'd killed his wife. Indeed, that sensational fact about his life is far more widely known than his intricate and often challenging works of political philosophy. What is this great irony of reading power and oppression in society through the works of a man accused of uxoricide?

The philosopher, William S. Lewis, looks long and hard at this question. There is, he says, the externalist approach to this which invokes biographical facts to evaluate the relevance of a philosopher's work to particular problems. The internalist approach, on the other hand, claims that philosophy would be much poorer if we expunge the works of vicious philosophers. But it is the mutual relationship between the two approaches that is key here. Althusser's case is complicated by the fact that not only are his ideas "deeply and presciently feminist but that feminist theorists have made interesting and productive use" of them, including Laura Mulvey on visual pleasure and Judith Butler on gender, which have changed directions for entire disciplines. The fact is that Althusser probably would not have become a communist were he not imprisoned in a Stalag or if he never met Rytmann-Légotien. At the same time, the importance of his idea of communism as a condition of mutual respect in a climate of non-exploitation can also be debated outside the facts of his life. One doesn't need to exclude the other.

The personal life, particularly the ethical violations of writers and thinkers, can make us reject them on a personal level. However, a crucial factor is how such violations affect our understanding of the principles they have come to signify. When the writer and academic, Mukoma wa Ngugi, announced on X that his father, the iconic Kenyan writer, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, had "physically abused" his late mother, Nyambura, it helped us see the cultural narratives about sub-Saharan Africa in a new light. "We have always," wrote the Nigerian academic, Ainehi Edoro, "told the story about African literature with people like Ngugi as the protagonists. What is lost in this triumphal history are the traumatized children and neglected wives, homes ravaged by the twin power of patriarchy and colonial violence."

What matters is what they stood for. The hauntingly resurfaced stories of the deceased writer, Alice Munro, looking away from her husband sexually abusing her minor daughter from her previous marriage can — and will — fill us with shock and disgust. But what is crucial for cultural history is that Munro has been celebrated — and awarded the Nobel Prize — for the psychological complexity of the feminine 'Gothic' as embodied in the tragic and eroticised female lives depicted in her short stories. Is her female Gothic purely a picture of oppression? This is the traumatising question with which we are now left.

Saikat Majumdar's most recent book is *The Remains of the Body*

Fragile structure

■ Sir — In an unfortunate incident, three civil service aspirants drowned in the basement library of Rau's IAS Study Circle, a premier coaching centre in New Delhi ("Students drown in 'illegal' library", July 29). Several factors — civic apathy, disregard for safety norms, poor maintenance, and the greed of the institute's owners — are responsible for the deaths.

Coaching centres have mushroomed across India owing to their significance in preparing for competitive examinations. Candidates pay exorbitant amounts to get admission in these centres. Despite such coaching, the high rate of unemployment and the resultant competition are making government jobs more elusive.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

■ Sir — The examination by the Union Public Service Commission is one of the toughest. Parents from impoverished backgrounds sell their land or borrow money to send their wards to the UPSC coaching centres. The death of three civil service aspirants after being trapped in the flooded basement of a coaching institute in Old Rajinder Nagar is thus heartbreaking. Unsurprisingly, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Aam Aadmi Party have begun a blame game over the incident. They must understand the gravity of the situation and act accordingly.

Dimple Wadhawan,
Kanpur

Elusive logic

■ **Sir — Just as one should not judge a book by its cover, one cannot take the names of dishes listed on a menu card at face value. Michael Berkheime did not know this in 2016 when he ordered boneless chicken wings at a restaurant in Ohio. It turned out that the 'boneless' wings had bones in them which got stuck in his throat and he had to undergo two surgeries. In a lawsuit filed by Berkeime, the Ohio court has recently ruled in favour of the restaurant, saying that 'boneless chicken wings' can contain bones as it refers to a cooking style. But would not a 'boneless cooking style' mean cooking without the bones? Perhaps it is futile to expect logic from a nation where menus have items like '*chai* tea' and '*naan* bread'.**

Deepak Anand,
Delhi

■ Sir — It has come to light that Rau's IAS Study Circle had permission from the civic authorities to use its basement as a storage and parking space. Instead, it set up an unauthorised library in that space. Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar is home to many coaching centres, which are poorly managed and lack adequate safety measures. The nation has lost three bright minds. Accountability needs to be fixed and strict action taken against the guilty.

S.S. Paul,
Nadia

Dirty work

■ Sir — At least 43 sanitation workers have lost their lives in the past five months while cleaning septic tanks and sewers ("Road to dirty death: 43 lives in six months", July 28). These workers hail from socio-economically backward sections and are forced to perform this dehumanising task. The lack of safety measures is a major reason behind the high death toll. The meagre funds allocated in the budget to prevent manual scavenging reflect the government's apathy.

Aayman Anwar Ali,
Calcutta

■ Sir — It is shameful that manual scavenging is still prevalent in India despite being declared a punishable offence under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. The inertia of the government to ensure a strict implementation of this Act encourages its flagrant violations. Strangely, nobody has been convicted under the Act so far.

Jahar Saha,
Calcutta

Worst sufferers

■ Sir — Women are the worst sufferers in conflicts ("Woman, justice, and memory", July 27). Little has changed since the ancient times when women used to be the spoils of war. The perception that women should be controlled or else they would bring dishonour to the family still persists. A few instances of women breaking the glass ceiling are not enough to change this prejudical mindset.

Endless suffering

Anthony Henriques,
Mumbai

Lust for office

■ Sir — Men who have served in top positions in organisations fail to set aside their individual ambitions, ego and seniority to make way for younger people. In his column, "Retirement blues" (July 27), Ramachandra Guha cites several instances to support this argument. He is right in criticising old men's desire to stay on in power and exercise authority out of pomposity or an addiction to influence even when they are unable to properly serve owing to diminishing mental and physical abilities.

Although Guha's reasoning carries merit, it may not be applicable in all cases. There are instances where the running of a system depends more on the experience of the elderly than the exuberance of youth.

Sukhendu Bhattacharjee,
Hooghly

People matter

■ Sir — India has the demographic advantage of a relatively young population. But this does not necessarily translate to a demographic dividend ("Up and down", July 26). India needs to invest massively in skill development if it is to benefit from its young workforce.

H.N. Ramakrishna,
Bengaluru

■ Sir — The political rhetoric in India advocates population control based on a biased assumption that the population of Muslims is growing at a faster rate than that of Hindus. The census should be conducted urgently to dispel such a misconception.

Population myth

Blaming the minorities for India's burgeoning population highlights the ruling dispensation's strategy to gain electoral dividends through polarisation.

Vijay Singh Adhikari,
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HEART TO HEART

A daily aspirin regimen may hurt more than help, experts tell **Paula Span**

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Regina Griffith was 64 when she met her new primary care doctor for a routine check-up. He recommended a daily low-dose aspirin for heart health, she recalled.

It's hard to be more fit than Griffith, owner and chief instructor at a fitness studio in Montclair, New Jersey, US. She had a slightly elevated blood pressure at the doctor's office (but not at home, using her own cuff); other than that, she had no significant health problems.

Still, a daily aspirin didn't seem like a big deal, and the doctor did not mention any downsides, so she took his advice. "I thought, 'okay, I'm at a certain age'," Griffith said.

Alan Turner, 64, an industrial designer in New Castle, Delaware, US, began taking aspirin on his own about five years ago, after his mother had several strokes. "I saw what that did to her," he said. He had heard of other people his age taking prophylactic aspirin, so he "just went with it", he said. "How much damage can you do with a baby aspirin a day?"

Good question. For three decades, the US Preventive Services Task Force, an independent and influential panel of experts, has been reviewing the growing evidence of aspirin use for preventing first heart attacks and strokes.

Recently, it issued its latest recommendations on aspirin use, the first in six years.

The panel warned adults older than 60 against starting an aspirin regimen for primary prevention.

"It carries possible serious harms" — notably, an increased risk of internal bleeding, said Dr John Wong, a task force member. "And those harms are higher than we thought in 2016." Dr Wong is a primary care doctor and interim chief scientific officer at Tufts Medical Center in Boston in the US.

"Primary prevention" refers to patients who have never had a heart attack or stroke and do not have heart disease. (High blood pressure, or hypertension, is not considered heart disease.) That group is the task force's focus.

People taking aspirin for secondary prevention — because they have already had a heart attack, stroke or intervention such as stenting or bypass surgery — face higher risk of subsequent cardiovascular events, and aspirin might remain part of their treatment.

For adults aged 40-59, the net benefit of taking aspirin daily would be small, the task force concluded. They may choose to start a daily aspirin regimen if, based on widely used health calculators, they face a 10 per cent or higher risk for cardiovascular disease over the next decade, but that should be an individual decision.

> 'Many people don't even think of aspirin as medication, they think of it as more like a vitamin'

It will take time for these new cautions to trickle down to the public.

"Many people don't even think of aspirin as medication, they think of it as more like a vitamin," said Dr Amit Khera, director of preventive cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the US. "But just because it is over-the-counter, doesn't mean it's not a drug with benefits and risks."

The US Preventive Services Task Force's position on aspirin use for prevention has seesawed over the decades, noted Dr Allan Brett, an internist at the University of Colorado, US, in a *JAMA* editorial accompanying the new guidelines. The task force initially recommended in 1989 that patients consider aspirin, then backed off, calling the evidence insufficient. It encouraged preventive aspirin for many adults in 2009 but had grown more skeptical by 2016.

What has changed this time around? Three large, rigorous clinical trials published in 2018, following more than 47,000 older patients, "really highlighted the risks", Dr Khera said.

Dr Wong added: "Two didn't find any significant reductions in heart attack or stroke, but there was an increased risk of bleeding." The third clinical trial, which was limited to people with diabetes, a higher-risk group, found a small reduction in cardiovascular events — but with a higher bleeding risk. "The harm cancelled out the benefit," Dr Wong said.

The bleeding in question usually occurs in the gastrointestinal tract but can also include brain bleeds and haemorrhagic strokes. Although the risks are low — major bleeding occurred in one per cent or fewer of older people taking aspirin in the 2018 studies — they increase with age. "These are serious bleeds," Brett said. "They can require transfusions. They can put people in the hospital."

With the advent of other effective advances in preventing heart attacks and strokes — better blood pressure drugs, statins for lowering cholesterol, a reduction in smoking — the role for aspirin has narrowed, experts said.

For people older than 60, per the task force guidelines, or 70, per the cardiologists' recommendations, the risks of starting aspirin now outweigh the benefits. This is particularly true for people with a history of bleeding, say from ulcers or aneurysms, or those taking medications such as blood thinners, steroids or anti-inflammatories such as ibuprofen or naproxen.

Griffith, now 65, recently saw a different doctor in her new primary care practice. The doctor looked at her chart, which showed no heart disease and more than a year of aspirin use. "He said, 'I don't think you need to do that'," she said.

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Fasting, feasting

YOUR HEALTH

DR GITA MATHAI

Q I want to try intermittent fasting. Is it safe?

Intermittent fasting, when done safely and consciously, can offer several health benefits. Fasting for 10-16 hours can help the body burn fat stores for energy, aiding in weight loss. It can also lower blood insulin levels, reducing the risk of diabetes and pre-diabetes.

Additionally, it may protect organs against chronic illnesses such as heart disease, inflammatory bowel disease and some cancers. While it can cause side effects such as uncontrolled hunger, nausea, fatigue, insomnia and irritation, it's important to note that these are manageable. The benefits of intermittent fasting far outweigh these risks, especially when you are prepared and in control.

Knee treatment

Q I have osteoarthritis in my right knee. I was advised a knee replacement, but is there any other option?

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Depending on the extent of damage to the knee, various treatment options are available. These include anti-inflammatory and painkiller medication, physiotherapy and hyaluronic acid gel injections. The latter in particular has provided relief for many, with some experiencing pain relief for up to a year. Knee replacement is a highly effective option if these interventions do not work. Many individuals have reported significant improvement in their pain and activity levels after the procedure, offering hope for a better quality of life.

Hairy face

Q I have been postmenopausal for 10 years and now have a beard.

The production of the female hormone estrogen decreases after menopause. The hormonal balance is disturbed, and there may be a marginal increase in the production of androgens (male hormones). These changes increase facial hair. It may occur in one or two places, or downy, fuzzy facial hair may cover large areas. Tweezing, threading and waxing can be done regularly to control hair growth. Electrical epilators for women are also available. Laser treatment can remove hair permanently.

High blood sugar

Q My blood sugar is high in the mornings.

The reasons may include stress, lack of adequate sleep or a carbohydrate-heavy meal in the evening. Sometimes, it occurs because in the early hours of the morning, hormones like cortisol and the growth hormone signal the liver to boost the production of glucose to provide energy to wake up. This should trigger the beta cells in the pancreas to release insulin to keep blood glucose levels in check. With diabetes, there may not be enough insulin released to counter the increase in blood glucose. To counter this, eat fewer carbs at night and take a 15-minute walk before sleeping.

Bloated stomach

Q I am 55 years old, and my stomach feels bloated by the evening. I do not have diabetes or hypertension, and my thyroid functions are normal.

As we age, our body's metabolism slows down. Muscles no longer contract as efficiently as they used to. The rate at which food moves through the intestine slows, leading to fermentation and a build-up of gas. Counter this with exercise, 3-4 litres of water and 4-6 helpings of fruits and vegetables every day. The increased fibre consumption will reduce bloating. Also, stop taking milk.

Weight issues

Q I am trying to lose weight. I weigh myself every day. My weight varies even during the day.

Body weight naturally fluctuates during the day. If you are weighing yourself every day, it's best to do it at the same time and wear more or less the same garments. However, it's less discouraging to weigh yourself twice a week. Weight loss is a long-term goal that involves lifestyle changes. A loss of 4-6 kilos a month is what you should safely aim for. Be patient and consistent, as slow and steady is the key to success in weight management.

The writer has a family practice at Vellore and is the author of *Staying Healthy in Modern India*. If you have any questions on health issues please write to *yourhealthgm@yahoo.co.in*

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What type of vaccine should be given to diabetics?

Dr. Asis Mitra, MD (Medicine); MRCP (England); Member, American Diabetes Association

People with diabetes are often hospitalized with pneumonia or lung infections. And lung infections can be fatal in many cases. Therefore, pneumonia vaccine can be given twice in one year interval to elderly diabetic patients above 60 to avoid any kind of lung infection related problems. Pneumonia or lung infections can be prevented with this vaccine. Note that there are two types of pneumonia in the human body. Infection from other patients around is called community acquired pneumonia and infection from hospital is called hospital acquired pneumonia.

Prevention of community acquired pneumonia is possible with the help of pneumonia vaccine. But this vaccine is unable to provide protection in hospital-acquired infections. So it is better to avoid hospital to avoid getting pneumonia from hospital. It is important to take some precautions when going to the hospital. So to avoid hospital infection -
1) Must wear N-95 mask before entering ICU or ITU.
2) Hospital bed, fluid stand or patient should not be touched.
3) Hands should be disinfected by using sanitizer while entering and exiting the hospital.
4) Avoid using hospital toilets as much as possible.

In winter there is fear of cold, cough or fever. So it is important to get influenza vaccination every year between September and November. It will reduce the incidence of cold, cough and will not be too excessive.

Hepatitis B is a very serious disease of our liver. Infection can lead to complications like jaundice and cirrhosis of the liver. Therefore, three vaccinations at six months interval protect the liver against this problem. However, sometimes a booster dose may be taken later as per the advice of the doctor.

Some germs like chicken pox can damage our nervous system. Then a red rash appears on the body. It can also cause unbearable pain. And even after the infection subsides, it has to suffer. So it is better to get herpes zoster vaccine.

Keep in mind that bacterial and viral infections are more common in diabetics than in the general population and prolong the illness. So if you take the vaccine in advance to deal with the situation, you can save yourself from the pain of the disease.

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EYE ON GAMES

Sisters vs sisters on court

■ **PARIS:** It is not often that siblings qualify for Olympic badminton together — and even less common that two pairs of siblings play each other in a women's doubles match. Twins Annie and Kerry Xu of the United States battled it out with Bulgarian sisters Stefani and Gabriela Stoeva on Tuesday at the Porte de La Chapelle Arena in Paris. The Stoevas, who are playing in their third Olympics, won the group-stage match 21-18, 21-12. For both pairs, the experience was surreal. The four agreed with a laugh that they still fought with their sisters while playing but had learned to hide it better. Reuters

Parcel man's run

■ **PARIS:** Luan Yushuai spends 12 hours every day delivering parcels. Afterwards, he puts on his trainers and starts his favourite part of the day — training for a marathon. The 39-year-old from a little mountainous village in Northern China's Jilin province has now made his way to Paris, where he will join 20,024 other runners in the mass public marathon in the Olympics — a first which organisers included so that amateur runners could run the same route and share the same experience as the athletes. Reuters

A 'hot' drink

■ **PARIS:** Britain's Jack Draper complained about the water bottles players are being given at the Paris Olympics after losing 6-7(3), 6-3, 6-2 to American Taylor Fritz in brutal heat at Roland Garros on Tuesday. "It was pretty poor. They give bottles to the players but the bottles don't stay cool, so, you know, you're drinking hot water out there. That's not fun in those sort of conditions," he said. Reuters

Real all-rounder

■ **PARIS:** Canyon Barry is a part-time basketball player. His full-time job is system engineer for a defence and space contractor. Barry, who will take the courts at the Paris Games searching for a 3x3 gold medal for the US men's team, has an undergraduate degree in physics and a master's degree in nuclear engineering. So, is he a rocket scientist? A nuclear physicist? "Scientist, engineer, problem-solver, take your pick," said Barry. AP/PTI

THIS DAY THAT YEAR

1956: England spinner Jim Laker takes 10/53 in Australia's second innings at Old Trafford, finishing the fourth Test with 19/90. England win by an innings and 170 runs.

2012: Michael Phelps wins the silver medal in the 200m butterfly and gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay at the London Olympics, surpassing Larisa Latynina (18 medals) to become the record holder for most Olympic medals won.

Bronze but worth its weight in gold

The Telegraph AT THE OLYMPICS

ANGSHUMAN ROY

Sarabjot Singh had only one thing in mind. To keep the basics right. The 23-year-old from a village (Dheen) near Ambala, now a bronze medal winner in the Olympic Games, had a chat with his coach Abhishek Rana on Tuesday morning.

"I did not tell him much... 'Just do the basics, and the rest will fall in place.' He managed to keep it simple," Rana told **The Telegraph** minutes after his ward and Manu Bhaker won the bronze in the 10m air pistol mixed event at the Chateauroux shooting centre on Tuesday.

"After the setback in the individual event, Sarabjot did not lose heart. He showed the nerve to make a comeback. And what a comeback!" Rana was over the moon. Next target? "An individual gold in the 2028 Olympic Games. That's for sure," Rana said. "I would give my all to change the colour of the medal in four years," Sarabjot promised.

For someone who took up the game just as a hobby when he was 14, Sarabjot's contribution to this medal is huge. Yes, Manu was in her element throughout, but in terms of pure shooting skills, Sarabjot was in a different zone altogether. And that is why India and Manu were able to get their second medal in the 2024 Olympic Games. Manu also became the first sportsperson of an independent India to win two medals in one Olympic Games.

How important it was for both the shooters to fire in unison can be gauged from the fact that South Korean Oh Ye Jin was brilliant throughout Tuesday's duel. But her partner Lee Wnho struggled to get into a rhythm. "We backed each other well," Sarabjot said.

A winner in the Munich World Cup in June, Sarabjot showed promise ever since he burst onto the scene, beating the likes of Saurabh Chaudhary & Abhishek Verma to become national champion in 2021. That was just after the Tokyo Games. He won a medal in the ISSF World Cup in Bhopal last year, the only Indian to shine in that tournament.

"Hardworking and dedicated. I have been working with him since 2016, he has shown remarkable tenacity coming this far," Rana, himself an international shooter during his playing days, said.

During his early years, Sarabjot, his father Jatinder Singh, a farmer, and mother Hardeep Kaur, a homemaker, used to have a 35-kilometre ride to Rana's academy in Ambala. "That was tough for him," Rana remembered.

"I got bored after two years of travelling by bus. From the third year, I used to ride with Chetan my friend. In 2021, I got a car to go to the range," Sarabjot said.

Now does he have any plans to get a new car? "I cannot say now," the shooter who once dreamt of being a footballer said.

Winner of multiple world events, Sarabjot said he was feeling down after not making it to the final round in the 10m pistol. "I was sad. I was thinking about what my father did for me, the support of my grandfather and all the lonely journeys I took on the bus to Ambala. This medal, hopefully, will give my parents a better life."

They deserve so too. After all, their sacrifice — Jatinder had to borrow money to buy his son a pistol in November 2016 — has given the country an Olympic medal winner.

1st
Indian after Independence to win two medals at a single Olympics
2nd
Indian woman to win two Olympic medals
3rd
Indian overall to win two Olympic medals

Manu Bhaker after winning the bronze medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event with Sarabjot Singh (not in picture) in Chateauroux on Tuesday. (AP/PTI)

Sarabjot Singh on Tuesday. (Reuters)

Pistol stars take flight in Paris, promise huge boost to game

ANGSHUMAN ROY

Paris: Historically, India have not fared well in the pistol events at the Olympic Games. From Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore's silver medal in the men's double-trap event, Abhinav Bindra's gold in the 10 metre air rifle in Beijing 2008 to Gagan Narang's bronze at the London Olympics, India's star shone brightly in rifle and trap.

It was only Vijay Kumar who got a silver in pistol — in the 25 metre rapid fire — 12 years ago in London.

Vijay Kumar during the London Olympics. (Getty Images)

Now, this Olympic Games is turning out to be a breakaway competition for the Indian pistol shooters. Thanks to Manu Bhaker (individual and mixed team) and Sarabjot Singh.

"It's 3-2 in pistol's favour," joked Narang, the chef de mission here, on Tuesday.

"The mentality, the talent pool. A lot of things come into play. These youngsters have no fear, they remain ice cool even when chips are down," former Armyman Vijay Kumar, now a DSP with Himachal Pradesh Police, told **The Telegraph**. "There must be a mention of the government support too. The Khelo India project gives us a huge pool of talent at our disposal," Vijay said.

Both Manu and Sarabjot have participated in the present government's flagship project, Khelo India.

There have been some outstanding pistol shooters from India like Jaspal Rana (the man who groomed Manu), Samaresh Jung and Jitu Rai. They were medal winners in the Asian Games as well at the Commonwealth Games. They were names to be reckoned with.

"When a shooter goes to a coach, he or she chooses the category the coach is good at. So when you go to a rifle coach obviously, you will start with the rifle," Narang reasoned. "There is no pistol versus rifle. It's shooting in the hole."

Both Narang and Vijay agreed that the success in Paris would give a huge boost to the game. "It has to," Vijay was confident.

"I think the entire sports (fraternity) in India will have an effect, not just shooting. For example, after PV Sindhu's success, kids took up shooting since badminton academies were full in Hyderabad," Narang, who runs the Gun For Glory Academy in the city of the Nizams, said.

"It's a chain reaction," agreed Vijay.

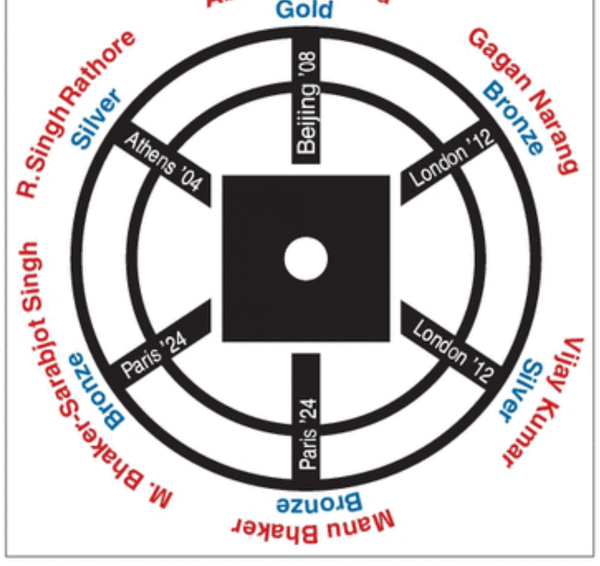
In Haryana, children took to javelin after world and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's success. Abhinav Bindra's gold in Beijing had a similar effect on shooting. Viswanathan Anand singlehandedly put India on the chess world map and now we have the likes of D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi taking on the big guns, Magnus Carlsens and Hikaru Nakamuras.

Two-time bronze medallist Manu was asked on Tuesday if she has now attained legendary status in India. "I do not know whether I am now a legend in women's shooting. But I will be happy if these medals enthuse youngsters to take up the game."

Narang felt she already has. "Definitely. Two medals at a single Games. It's a huge thing. She will now be idolised in India. She is a star now," Narang said.

BRAVO, IT'S A BULLSEYE

After hockey, shooting has been the most productive sport for India at the Olympics with a total of 6 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze). And the winners are...



Bhajan makes last 16, Dhiraj bows out

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: After disappointments in the team events, the Indian archers had a mixed day in the individual competition in Paris on Tuesday.

In the women's individual contest, Bhajan Kaur advanced to the Round of 16 with two victories, but it was all over for compatriot Ankita Bhakat.

Bhajan first defeated Indonesia's Syifa Nurafifah Kamal 7-3 in the Round of 64. It was a slow start from Bhajan as the Indonesian archer took a 3-1 lead after two sets. The first set was tied.

But 18-year-old Bhajan was sharper as the competition progressed. Seeded 22nd, Bhajan bounced back to win three sets on the trot.

Ankita, however, couldn't bring out her best in her opening contest. The 26-year-old archer from Calcutta lost 6-4 to the 54th-ranked Wioleta Myszor of Poland.

It was Bhajan versus Myszor in the Round of 32. But the Indian was in her zone and was shooting much better. She blew away the Polish challenge 6-0 to seal her place in the Round of 16.

In the men's competition, it was heartbreak for Dhiraj Bommadevara. He advanced to the Round of 32 after beating Adam Li of Czech Republic 7-1 but lost in a shoot-off in the next round, against World Championship silver medallist Eric Peters.

Deepika Kumari, the senior-most member among the women, will compete in the Round of 64 on Wednesday, against Estonia's Reena Parnat. The senior-most among the men, Tarundeep Rai, will face Tom Hall of Great Britain.

Archer Bhajan Kaur during her round of 32 match at Invalides, Paris, on Tuesday. (Reuters)

Satwik-Chirag smash rivals, top group

Paris: India's men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, seeded third, had little trouble in overpowering the Indonesian team of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in straight sets in their final Group C match at the Paris Olympics.

The Indian duo, who had already sealed a historic quarter-final spot on Monday, won 21-13, 21-13 in 40 minutes against the world No. 7 pair at the La Chapelle Arena on Tuesday.

Satwik-Chirag, as a result, topped the Group C standings with two wins in two matches. The badminton men's doubles quarter-finals will kick off on Thursday, August 1.

"Obviously we wanted to get this win in," Shetty said. "It really boosts our confidence, that we could win against Fajar and Muhammad... they are a top pair and we've always really had some fun, tough battles against them."

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and (front) Chirag Shetty during their men's doubles group-stage match against Indonesia's Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday. (AP/PTI)

The Indian women's doubles pair, however, had a forgettable outing. The team of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa remained winless at the Paris Games after they lost 21-15, 21-10 against Australia's Setyana Mapasa and Angela Yu in a Group C match on Tuesday.

This was the Indian duo's third consecutive defeat as they finished their campaign at the bottom of their group standings.

Mapasa-Yu, ranked 26th in women's doubles, made light work of the Indian pair in the second game to win the contest in just 38 minutes.

Balraj Panwar during the men's single sculls quarter-final on Tuesday. (AP/PTI)

Boxers fall

Indian boxers Amit Panghal and Jaismine Lamboria stumbled in their opening bouts on Tuesday.

Panghal crashed out in the men's 51kg Round of 16 losing 4-1 on points to Zambia's Patrick Chiyemba. It was a close contest but Panghal, an Asian Games champion, could not impress the judges.

Chinyemba, the third seed and a two-time African champion, edged the first two rounds by a 3-2 scoreline and proceeded to win the final round unanimously at the North Paris Arena.

This was Panghal's second Olympic Games appearance. The 28-year-old boxer had lost in the last 16 of the Tokyo Games as well.

In the women's 57kg Round of 32 bout, Jaismine lost to Nesthy Petecio of the Philippines by a unanimous decision.

Jaismine, a Commonwealth Games bronze medallist, maintained a high-intensity offensive tempo but Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Petecio — a two-time Southeast Asian Games champion — landed impactful punches in all three rounds.

Amit Panghal (left) during his round of 16 loss to Zambia's Patrick Chiyemba on Tuesday. (Reuters)

Balraj hopes over

Balraj Panwar, the lone Indian rower at Paris 2024, finished fifth in quarter-final 4 of the men's singles sculls event on Tuesday. The 25-year-old Army man clocked 7:05.10 and dropped out of medal contention.

Panwar, however, will race in semi-final C/D on Wednesday and will aim to record India's best finish in Olympic rowing. The men's lightweight double sculls duo of Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh currently hold the record after ranking 11th at the Tokyo Olympics.

Written with PTI inputs

INDIA'S DAY IN PARIS

■ **SHOOTING: Men's 50m rifle 3 positions (qualification)** APS Tomar/S. Kusale (12.30pm); **Women's trap (qualification Day 2)** S. Singh/R. Kumari (12.30pm)

■ **BADMINTON: Women's singles (Group M)** PV Sindhu (12.50pm); **Men's singles (Group L)** L. Sen (1.40pm), **(Group K)** H.S. Prannoy **(11pm)**

■ **ROWING: Men's single sculls (semi-final C/D 1)** B. Panwar (1.24pm)

■ **BOXING: Women's 75kg (Round of 16)** L. Borgohain (3.34pm); **Men's 71kg (Round of 16)** N. Dev (12.18am on Thursday)

■ **TABLE TENNIS: Women's singles (Round of 32)** S. Akula (2.30pm)

■ **ARCHERY: Women's individual (Round of 64)** D. Kumari (3.56pm); **Men's individual (Round of 64)** T. Rai (9.15pm)

■ **EQUESTRIAN: Individual dressage (Group D)** A. Agarwalla (1.30pm)

Matches not to begin before these timings (IST), live on Sports 18 1 & JioCinema

Calcutta boy Anush Agarwalla, in a picture shared on X, will be in action on Wednesday, in the individual dressage at the Paris Olympics

Simone Biles after winning the gold medal during the artistic gymnastics women's team final in Paris on Tuesday. (Getty Images)

Biles leads US to team gold

Paris: Three years after Simone Biles's withdrawal derailed the team's gold-medal hopes, the Americans cruised to the top of the podium in the women's artistics gymnastics team final here, with Biles as their steady leader.

The US women finished with a 171.296, nearly six points ahead of silver medalist Italy. Brazil took the bronze, and no team was capable of challenging the United States

Biles clinched her fifth Olympic gold, reinforcing her status as one of the greatest athletes.

Biles, the most decorated gymnast of all-time, earned the United States their 11th Olympic medal in the women's team event with a solid performance on all four apparatus after starting off on the vault, from which she soared high into the air while executing the Cheng to earn 14.900 points.

The crowd rallied behind Biles and her teammates in the absence of the French team that failed to qualify for the final.

While the Italians won their first women's Olympic team medal since the 1928 Olympics, an incredible, high-flying vault by Rebeca Andrade landed Brazil the bronze, their first ever medal in the discipline.

Reuters

Javelin champion Neeraj Chopra (centre) after his arrival in Paris on Tuesday, in a picture shared on X

MEDALS TALLY

	G	S	B
Japan	7	2	4
China	6	6	2
France	5	8	4
Australia	5	4	0
S. Korea	5	3	3
USA	4	8	10
Great Britain	3	5	3
Italy	2	4	3
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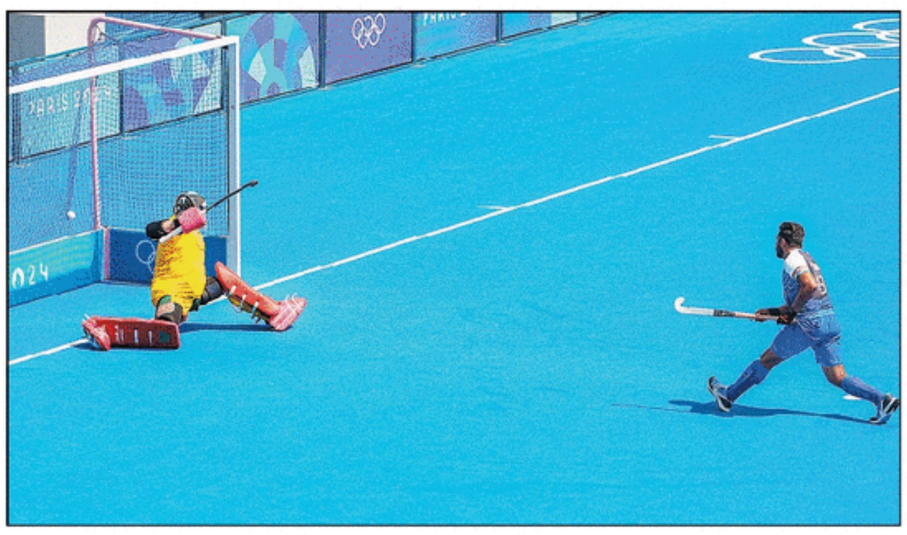
Note: Top 10 & India till 12.15am IST on Wednesday



Captain Harmanpreet Singh scores from a penalty stroke to give India the lead in their Pool B hockey match against Ireland in Paris on Tuesday. (PTI)

Harmanpreet to the rescue yet again

Paris: The Indian men's hockey team expectedly beat Ireland despite a few defensive lapses to almost secure their passage into the quarter finals of the Paris Olympics, with skipper Harmanpreet Singh scoring a brace in the 2-0 win in a Pool B match here on Tuesday.

Unlike the previous two matches, India penetrated the rival circle consistently and dictated play in the first half. Considering that Ireland were the easiest of the opponents in this pool, the victory was expected.

India were, however, far from convincing in the second half, but the win has taken them to seven points from three matches while the defeat has ousted Ireland from the quarter-final race.

Belgium and Australia, both unbeaten, have six points each and they play against each other later in the day.

India just about managed to edge New Zealand 3-2 before holding Argentina to a 1-1 draw in their previous two outings. Harmanpreet had levelled the scores at the last minute in their previous match.

Most likely, Argentina and New Zealand will fight for the fourth spot in this Pool. The top four teams from each of the two pools qualify for the quarter finals.

Harmanpreet (13th and 19th minutes) struck once each in the first two quarters, while the second half remained goalless.

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India earned their first penalty corner as early as the second minute of the match when Abhishek made a move from the left and passed the ball to Sukhjeet Singh.

However, the Harmanpreet strike was blocked by an Ireland on-rusher. Even on rebound, there was a chance, but Mandeep Singh lost possession. Harmanpreet created another chance by passing it to Sumit on the left flank but his reverse strike hit the post.

India did not have to wait long for their first goal. It came from a penalty stroke awarded to India in the 13th minute of the match. Gurjant intercepted the ball in between two Irish players and sent it towards Mandeep Singh.

A tackle by Shane O'Donoghue in front of the goalpost resulted in the umpire awarding the penalty stroke, which was converted by Harmanpreet.

The India captain doubled the lead by converting the fourth penalty corner during a period of domination in the second quarter. This was after Ireland defenders blocked two consecutive attempts.

Ireland got their first penalty corner of the match on a debatable call by the umpire. The Indians, who did not have a referral left, protested but it remained. India custodian PR Sreejesh blocked the shot to keep India's 2-0 lead intact.

Ireland earned two more penalty corners in the final quarter but lacked finishing.

In Pool A matches on Tuesday, Germany drubbed South Africa 5-1, Great Britain and Netherlands drew 2-2 whole France held Spain 3-3.

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A new generation makes the pool their own

Swimming's next generation of stars are hogging the spotlight at the Paris Olympics, a brash group that comes from all over the globe.

Summer McIntosh, the 17-year-old phenom from Canada. David Popovici, a 19-year-old from Romania.

Mollie O'Callaghan, a 20-year-old speedster who took down her mighty Australian teammate, Ariarne Titmus, 23.

Throw in an Italian gold medalist, and another from South Africa, and it was clear that swimming's reach stretches far beyond the traditional powerhouse, the US. In all, 10 different nations divvied up 15 medals on this night.

Sure, the Americans collected some hardware on Day 3 at the La Defense Arena. But it was all silver and bronze, with longtime stalwarts such as Ryan Murphy and Lilly King touching behind other nations.

McIntosh claimed the first gold medal of her rapidly blossoming career with a dominating victory in the 400-metre individual medley. Popovici won a stirring duel to take the men's 200 freestyle, which featured three different leaders on the final lap.

Then perhaps the biggest surprise of all: Titmus, the world-record holder and defending gold medalist in the women's 200 freestyle, was knocked off by O'Callaghan.

Titmus, who had started the games with a dominant victory in the 400m freestyle, could only stand off to the side this time, applauding her teammate's come-from-behind victory.

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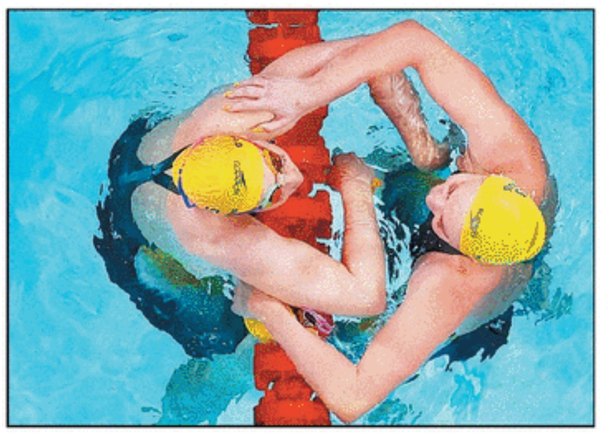
Canadian McIntosh seemed to take it all in stride. Maybe it's because she competed at the Tokyo Olympics at age 14, so she sort of feels like a veteran now. "Every single time I get to race on the world stage, I learn more and more about handling it mentally and physically and emotionally and trying not to get too high or too low," McIntosh said.



(Picture left) **Mollie O'Callaghan of Australia, winner of the women's 200m freestyle, celebrates with compatriot Ariarne Titmus, who took the silver in Nanterre on Tuesday.** (Picture right) **Gold medallist Tatjana Smith of South Africa, winner of the 100m breaststroke, on Tuesday.** (Reuters)

Summer McIntosh of Canada after winning the 400m individual medley on Tuesday. (Reuters)

McIntosh collected her first medal of any colour on the opening night of swimming, taking a silver in the 400m freestyle behind Titmus — and ahead of Katie Ledecky.

Now, McIntosh has the most prized colour of all. "I try to take every event very individually and just do my work, but starting off for me — getting on the podium — is definitely a great way to start," McIntosh said. "You try to continue to get better and better."

She's got a gruelling schedule in Paris which includes two more individual races — the 200m butterfly and 200m individual medley. There are no plans to celebrate just yet.

"I mean, obviously I'm super happy with this gold," McIntosh said. "But now I'm all about the 200 fly on day five."

Grimes, who is also swimming the open water event in Paris, held on to claim the silver in 4:33.40. The Americans also grabbed the bronze when Emma Weyant touched in 4:34.93.

Another teen rules

Popovici made the teenagers 2-for-2 on the night, and it took everything he had.

After the final flip in the men's 200m freestyle, American Luke Hobson edged in front. Then Britain's Matthew Richards, out in Lane 1, pushed to the lead. Finally, it was Popovici getting to the wall first in 1:44.72 — a mere two-hundredths ahead of Richards, with Hobson just 0.07 back to earn the bronze.

Pipping 'Terminator'

Titmus, the Australian star known as "The Terminator," was heavily favoured in the 200m freestyle, especially after setting a world record last month at the Australian trials and knocking off a stellar field in the 400m freestyle.

But she couldn't hold off O'Callaghan, who was fifth at the halfway point and third on the final flip. The youngster surged past both Siobhan Haughey of Hong Kong and Titmus on the final 50 for an Olympic-record time of 1:53.27.

Titmus slipped to the silver in 1:53.81, while Haughey held on for bronze in 1:54.55.

Gold for Italy, again

Thomas Ceccon gave Italy their second gold in as many nights, rallying to win the men's 100 backstroke. The Italian, who has held the world record since the 2022 world championships in Budapest, now has a gold medal to go with it after finishing in 52.00.

China's Xu Jiayu claimed the silver (52.32). Ceccon followed the lead of Nicolo Martinenghi, who grabbed Italy's first gold at the pool with a victory in the 100m breaststroke on Sunday night.

South African triumph

Tatjana Smith gave South Africa their first swimming gold of the games with a victory in the women's 100 breaststroke. She held off China's Tang Qianting with a time of 1:05.28, while the silver medalist touched in 1:05.54.

It was quite a race for the bronze, which went to Ireland's Mona McSharry in 1:05.59 — a hundredth of a second ahead of King and Italy's Benedetta Pilato, who tied for fourth.

King, who has said this will be her final Olympics, was denied the sixth medal of her career.

AP/PTI, Reuters

Manika, the changing face of the game

ELORA SEN

Calcutta: When Manika Batra became the first Indian paddler to reach the pre-quarter-finals at an Olympics on Monday, she brought to the fore the primary change that has taken place among the country's table tennis players — a change in mindset.

From being content with just participating in an Olympics, the paddlers are now eager and confident to try for a podium finish.

On Monday in Paris, Manika defeated world No.18 and local favourite Prithika Pavade 11-9, 11-6, 11-9, 11-7. Prithika, whose parents moved to France from Puducherry in 2003, was born in a Paris suburb.

"When I qualified for the Sydney Olympics (2000) at the age of 16, I felt that was the best that I could ever be. I felt that was a huge achievement. There was really no one to guide or give us the self-belief that we Indians could also try for a medal at the Olympics," Poulomi Ghatak, Olympian, former national champion and now a coach told **The Telegraph**.

"But things are different now. On Monday, Manika was superb. She played a flawless game. Indian table tennis is on a high now.

"We are breaching milestone after milestone. Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee won the bronze in doubles in the last Asian Games. Ayhika also defeated the world No.1 Sun Yingsha at the World Team Championships in Busan...

"Now even China are taking note of Indian players. That means we are on the right track. And I am expecting a medal in table tennis from the Olympics very soon. Hopefully in these Games only. Not only Manika, even Sreeja Akula is playing very well," Poulomi said.

After her win, Manika had said in Paris: "I am happy that I beat a French player in Paris. I defeated a higher-ranked player. I did not think of creating history and making the pre-quarters, there are more rounds, I will take it match by match and give my best as I always do."

Manika Batra during the women's singles round of 32 match against France's Prithika Pavade in Paris on Monday. (PTI)

Poulomi added: "There has been a huge change in vision. We had no one to tell us that we must aim for world rankings — top 20 or top 50. Mouma (Das) and I, we were very young when we played nationals. I don't know whether we could have made it to the top 20 or top 30 in the world, but the fact remains that there was no one to even tell us that we could.

"Also now the world has become smaller. You can see the top players playing, you have the internet for information. There is huge support from schemes like TOPS and Khelo India. The whole ambience of sport is changing in India."

Written with PTI inputs

Nadal, Alcaraz advance; Gauff out

Paris: Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz moved into the quarter-finals of the men's doubles competition here with a 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 10-2 match tie-breaker victory over Tallon Griekspoor and Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands on Tuesday.

Playing a day after Nadal's singles loss to Novak Djokovic and Alcaraz's win against Griekspoor, the old-and-young Spanish duo didn't look like a pairing that never had played together until this event.

They will take on the fourth-seeded American team of Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram for a semi-final berth. Krajicek and Ram beat Thiago Monteiro and Thiago Seyboth Wild of Brazil 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

Defending champion Alexander Zverev kept his cool in soaring temperatures to march into the third round but women's second seed Coco Gauff's challenge wilted as she was knocked out in the third round.

Germany's Zverev, the third seed, took to a sun-baked Court Philippe Chatrier after Gauff's demise but avoided any similar mishaps as he beat Czech player Tomas Machac 6-3, 7-5.

American Gauff began superbly against experienced Croatian Donna Vekic but after failing to convert two set points in the opening set tie-breaker, slumped to a 7-6(7), 6-2 defeat.

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Gauff was left in tears in the second set when an overruled line call saw her slip 2-4 behind, the American becoming embroiled in a lengthy argument with umpire Jaume Campistol and the tournament supervisor.

Vekic, the 13th seed, refused to let the incident affect her though and sealed a superb victory.

Zverev reached the French Open final this year and looked perfectly at home on the Parisian clay as he maintained a strong start to his bid to repeat his Tokyo gold.

With temperatures soaring into the mid 30s Celsius, the International Tennis Federation invoked the extreme heat protocols that allowed for a 10-minute break after the second set of singles matches.

Germany's Angelique Kerber moved in sight of a spectacular final chapter to her career as she beat Canada's Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals.

Spain shocked

Ibrahim Adel scored a pair of goals and Egypt advanced to the men's football quarter-finals, topping their group by beating Spain 2-1.

Spain had already reached the knockout round and was vying for a first-place finish in Group C but was instead leapfrogged by determined Egypt in Bordeaux.

In the other match of the group, the Dominican Republic played to a 1-1 tie with Uzbekistan, who had already been eliminated.

The draw in Paris was not enough to get the Dominican Republic into the next round.

Mom's the word

Egyptian fencer Nada Hafez has revealed that she fought at the Paris Olympics while seven months pregnant.

Hafez posted on Instagram that she was "carrying a little Olympian one" hours after she had reached the round of 16 in women's saber on Monday. The 26-year-old fencer from Cairo upset Elizabeth Tartakovsky of the United States before losing to Jeon Hayoung of South Korea.

Triathlon postponed

Concerns about water quality in the Seine River led the organisers to postpone the men's triathlon on Tuesday, with officials hoping the swimming portion of the race will be able to go forward in the long-polluted waterway in the coming days following an expensive cleanup effort.

Reuters, AP/PTI

Super Over victory

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: The Pallekele pitch was slow and tricky with a fair bit of assistance for the spinners. Sri Lanka were in total control of Tuesday's third and final T20I after restricting India to 137/9, but once again, lost wickets in a heap to limp to 137/8 before India prevailed in the Super Over.

In the Super Over, Washington Sundar, who earlier hit 25 off 18 balls and took 2/23, dismissed Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka as India needed only three to win. Skipper Suryakumar Yadav took just a ball to get those required runs, ensuring India a 3-0 sweep.

Chasing 138, Sri Lanka, from 108/1 in 15 overs, had slipped to 132/6 with six needed off the final over. Surya then took the ball and bowling for the first time in T20Is, he dismissed Kamindu Mendis and Maheesh Theekshana. Debutant Chamindu Wickramasinghe and Asitha Fernando scampered for two off the last ball to force a Super Over.

Washington Sundar, in a picture shared on X, played a crucial role with both bat and ball on Tuesday.

Brief scores: India 137/9 in 20 ovs (Shubman Gill 39, Riyan Parag 26; Maheesh Theekshana 3/28) vs Sri Lanka 137/8 (Washington Sundar 2/23, Suryakumar 2/5). India won via Super Over.

Attack & domination: Bagan philosophy

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta: Mohun Bagan Super Giant are looking to be aggressive and will rely on their attacking instincts in their quest for success this season. Importantly, Mohun Bagan head coach Jose Molina and their "hungrier" Australian World Cupper Jamie Maclaren are on the same page regarding this attacking philosophy.

"Of course, we want to attack and be aggressive on the field. But this time, we want to be the team that likes to dominate," Molina, also a former sporting director of the Royal Spanish Football Federation, said on Tuesday.

"Everybody wants to beat Mohun Bagan now, so we have to be ready for that. We have to give that extra effort for every game as that's what it is about Mohun Bagan."

Coaching in Calcutta isn't new to Molina as he was at the helm of ATK when they won their second ISL crown in 2016. In his comeback to the city, the Spaniard should be able to work with greater confidence, especially with the World Cuppers in his team — Maclaren (Jason Cummings and Dimitri Petratos being the other two), who echoed Molina's preferred style of football.

"As a striker, if you know you're going to play attacking football, then chances will come your way. That leads to wins, which leads to trophies," Maclaren, who turned 31 on Monday, stated. "I'm hungrier now than I was five years ago. So yeah, I'm hungry to compete and after the welcome I had in Calcutta from the fans, there's more fire in my belly."

Stance on Anwar

Whether defender Anwar Ali will have to continue playing for Bagan is set to be decided at the AIFF players' status committee, which will meet on August 2. The club though will not be reacting to any provocation on the matter, Bagan owner and chairman of RPSG Group Sanjiv Goenka said.

(From left) **Head coach Jose Molina, Mohun Bagan Super Giant owner and RPSG Group chairman Sanjiv Goenka, and Jamie Maclaren at an event in Calcutta on Tuesday.** Picture by Santosh Ghosh

"Our experience with Anwar through the last season was that he was an outstanding team man, a great player, a great athlete and a very sweet kid... But I'm not going to share the club's stand, particularly when the matter is placed on the players' status committee.

"It's for them to take a call... We are Mohun Bagan. We are dignified, we are decent and we do not react to provocation," Goenka said.

Clifford has it easy

STAR RACER

Calcutta: Neil Darashah's Clifford (Neeraj Rawal-up) easily won the Cavallo Velloce Cup here on Tuesday.

WINNERS

1st race: Chililady, **Win** ₹ 19; **2nd race:** Kindred Spirit, **Win** ₹ 15; **3rd race:** Dona Sienna, **Win** ₹ 15; **4th race:** Trakila, **NR:** 2. **Win** ₹ 11; **5th race:** Clifford, **Win** ₹ 19; **6th race:** Dragon's Gold, **NR:** 2, 6, 7 & 9. **Win** ₹ 98; **7th race:** Embankment, **NR:** 7. **Win** ₹ 112.

MYSORE TIPS

2 pm: D Admiral 1. Against All Odds 2. Inexhaustible 3; **2.30 pm:** Prince Corporate 1. Spectacular 2. Ferretti 3; **3 pm:** Country Magic 1. Armament 2. Pette's Choice 3; **3.30 pm: Serai** 1. Janeiro 2. Confident Game 3; **4 pm: Gold Ride** 1. Val D'aran 2; **4.30 pm:** Silver Spring 1. Saint Emilion 2. Perfect Justice 3; **5 pm: Mystic Bond** 1. Dynamic Force 2. Contributor 3.

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